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Concerns new farm may pave way in UK

MEGA-farms such as one planned at a location near Welshpool could spring up across Britain, campaigners warned today.

The Soil Association has launched a campaign against large scale farming which it says threatens the landscape, farming and rural communities.

A farmer who wants to build a 1,000-cow dairy unit near Welshpool is expecting to find out whether he will be granted planning permission within the next month following a public inquiry.

Fraser Jones applied to Powys County Council to create the 'superfarm' at Lower Leighton Farm.

Others planned across the UK include a 25,000 capacity pig farm in Derbyshire and one of the biggest salmon farms in the world at Galway Bay in Ireland.

Farmers say the introduction of modern facilities offers a solution to Britain's appetite for cheap meat while improving animal welfare and without affecting the environment.

But Lord Melchett, the Soil Association's director of policy, said: "The solution is not to create huge-scale intensive operations that threaten our landscape, farming and rural communities. We will end up paying a high price for what may be marginally cheaper food."

Carol Lever, of the World Society for the Protection of Animals, said: "It could potentially change farming and the countryside for ever."

Top trophies go on show

TWO national football trophies will be on display at Oswestry's rail station next month at an event marking the association between railways and the national game.

Among the exhibits at the Football Special celebration on June 9 will be the FA Trophy and the Welsh Premier League champions trophy.

For details e-mail footballspecial@yahoo.co.uk or call 07722439384.



Steve Furniss from the Saturn Trust with Taff the horse pulling the Saturn boat.

Step back in time for aqueduct trip

A NARROWBOAT was pulled across a landmark by horse for the first time in 60 years during a celebration of the area's industrial heritage.

Saturday, the last horse-drawn Shropshire Union Canal fly-boat in the world which is now used for education projects, is currently visiting towns and villages along the Llangollen Canal.

To make the visit extra special, arrangements were made for the historic boat to be pulled across the Chirk Aqueduct by

horse, repeating a scene which would have been commonplace when canals were used throughout Britain as the main way of transport.

Organisers of the visit said they were delighted to get permission from the Canal and River Trust, who now look after the waterways of England and Wales, to have the boat drawn over the aqueduct and through the quarter-mile long Chirk Tunnel by horse yesterday (Wednesday) and said the horse, called

Taff, did a perfect job. The trip is an integral part of the Llangollen Schools Education Days and is a joint project between the Llangollen Wharf and the Shropshire Union Fly-boat Restoration Society.

The Saturn will be at The Wharf from until Friday next week.

Llangollen Wharf director Steve Furniss said: "It was a bit damp but Taff didn't bat an eyelid crossing the aqueduct, even with a 70ft drop to his right."

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Hospital's long wait for spinal surgeries

BOSSSES of a hospital named as having the longest waiting times for orthopaedic operations today said specialist spinal surgery was skewing the figures.

The Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry has had to take patients from other hospitals which no longer carry out such surgery.

It currently has 50 patients on its lists who have been waiting more than a year for their operation.

However, the NHS says English patients should wait no longer than 18 weeks.

A survey in February showed that the Telford and Shrewsbury NHS Trust had a 25 week waiting list and the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital an average of 41 weeks.

Today hospital chiefs in Oswestry said the figure was down to 34 weeks.

Wendy Farrington Chadd, chief executive at the foundation hospital NHS Trust, said the hospital had allowed patients to choose to wait for specific consultants, which led to longer waiting times.

She said that all those waiting for a long time were waiting for spinal surgery.

"There is a national problem with waiting times for spinal surgery," she said.

"As a specialist centre, we have taken on additional referrals from areas where they no longer provide a national spinal disorders service and consequently our services are in huge demand."

Rain causes flood chaos

OSWESTRY was hit by flash flooding this week after torrential rain lashed the area.

Roads were flooded causing delays for motorists and some low lying fields were left saturated.

Motorists were held up on the A5 at West Felton by surface water flooding from the B5009 junction to Mile End Roundabout.

Forecasters said today (Thursday) would see sunshine and cloud with patches of rain in the afternoon.

SCHOOL NURSES CALLED IN TO FIGHT MEASLES

A TEAM of school nurses have been called in to help contain the ongoing measles outbreak in Oswestry.

The measles upsurge which recently hit Shropshire is a particular problem in Oswestry and health bosses said school nurses have been working with GP practices in the area in a bid to help vaccinate children and young people who may not have had their full course of the MMR vaccine.

The vaccine is essential for protecting people against measles.

The move comes as health bosses revealed incidences of the disease in Shropshire had

risen to 47 cases. At the start of this month Shropshire had 41 cases of measles, with more than half in the Oswestry area. Latest figures show Shropshire now has six confirmed cases and 41 suspected cases.

Health chiefs say that in order to provide those who have not had their full course of the MMR vaccination in the area with an opportunity to catch up, GP practices in the town have offered special clinics to patients.

They added that the school nurse team from Shropshire Community Health has been working with the GPs as well as the local clinical commissioning group and local council to support the vaccination clinics.

Maggie Bayley, director of nursing and quality for Shropshire Community Health Trust, said: "This is about the local NHS pulling together to make sure local people get the care and protection they need."

Dr Caron Morton, Accountable Officer speaking on behalf of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We are working hard to make sure that all those patients who have not completed their MMR vaccination get the opportunity to do so."

"The GP practices in Oswestry have been in contact with all relevant patients - either by phone or letter - and hope that they will come along to get vaccinated."

The GP practices running catch-up MMR sessions in the Oswestry area are Cambrian Medical Centre, Caxton Surgery and Plas Ffynnon.

Traffic will be diverted through the village of Nesscliffe, along the old A5.

Adam's trip to market



From left mayoress of Oswestry Val Schofield, Adam Corbally, Oswestry mayor Councillor Chris Schofield and chair of markets Cynthia Hawksley.

THE man who narrowly missed out on becoming Alan Sugar's next apprentice has been swapping business tips with market traders in Oswestry.

Adam Corbally met traders at Oswestry market during a visit to recognise it being named the best council-run market in the country.

Mr Corbally, a semi-finalist on BBC TV's The Apprentice and a former market trader, has forged a career as a professional guest speaker, motivational coach and serial entrepreneur, managing a series of successful businesses and brands in the UK.

But he came back to his market stall roots yesterday (Wednesday) when he chatted to traders and took a look around the recently revamped Powis Hall indoor market.

His visit tied in with Love Your Local Market fortnight, a national event to raise the profile of markets and encourage business start-ups, particularly from young people.

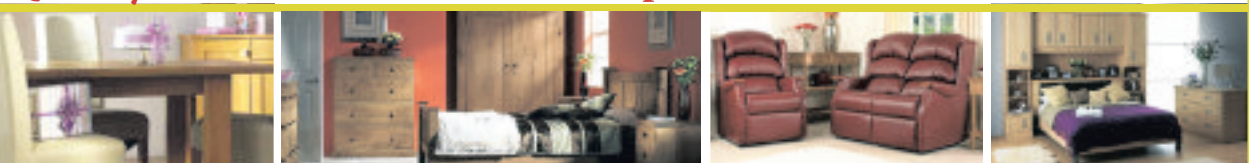
During his visit, Mr Corbally was asked to formally present the award for the Best Local Council Market to Oswestry.

Mr Corbally said he could see why Oswestry had taken the top national award. He said: "This is a great market with a great atmosphere."

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Shropshire Star editor Martin Wright and deputy Mark Drew on the Shropshire Star newsdesk at Ketley.

AT A time when newspapers – national ones at least – have been in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons, you would be forgiven for thinking there might be an air of despondency about the industry.

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by Martin Wright

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Antiques valuation day held at castle

A TEAM of experts from a fine art auction house held their version of the Antiques Road Show at a Mid Wales tourist attraction.

Powis Castle in Welshpool welcomed dozens of people who had scoured their homes for potentially valuable items to be looked at by experts from Halls yesterday (Wednesday).

Fine art director Jeremy Lamond led a team of four experts from the company who agreed to hold the evening valuation event.

Joining him was senior auctioneer and valuer Andrew Beeston, silver, jewellery and books specialist Maryanne Lineker-Mobberley and ceramics specialist Caroline Dennard.

The experts valued ceramics, furniture, works of art, paintings, silver, toys, books, militaria, jewellery, coins, sporting items and textiles. A charge of £1 was made for each item valued, with all the proceeds going towards conservation work at the famous National Trust property.

Mr Lamond said it was a great chance for people in the Welshpool area to search their attics and storerooms for forgotten treasures that might be worth a fortune.

He said: "This valuation event provided an ideal opportunity for people to have their family heirlooms and treasured items valued professionally."

"If the items are too big to bring along to the event, owners were able to simply show us photographs or we arranged home visits after the event at no additional charge."

The event was staged in the ballroom at Powis Castle, where the restaurant was selling refreshments and the shop offered a 10 per cent discount on items for the night.

The garden was also open from 6pm to 9pm, with free entry to all visitors.

New mayor's pledge to put regeneration at top of list

THE new Mayor of Oswestry has promised that the town's new neighbourhood plan will be at the forefront of all the council's debates, looking to revitalise the town centre and increase visitors.

Councillor Chris Schofield took over as mayor in a ceremony at the Guildhall on Monday.

He will head a council with eight new councillors, almost half the 18 seats. Welcoming the new faces and paying tribute to those now longer on the council, the mayor said they were now on a fast learning curve.

by Sue Austin

Pupils put pen to paper over drink dangers

CHILDREN in Oswestry are being urged to write about the damage alcohol has caused in their community and within their families.

It is part of a hard-hitting creative writing campaign launched by the Oswestry Community Alcohol Partnership (Os-CAP), which works to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol.

According to the most recent figures, nearly 90 per cent of Shropshire residents – about 216,000 people – are drinkers.

While the majority drink sensibly, more than 40,000 are classed as binge drinkers, and a further 11,000 are 'high risk' drinkers. It concluded that another 42,000 people are 'increasing risk drinkers'.

And it estimated that there are nearly 7,500 alcoholics across the county.

Alcohol was a contributory factor in more than half of the 17 accidental fire deaths in the county between April 2005 and April 2011, and a factor in some of the 29 river deaths since 2005.

Councillor Vince Hunt, chairman of Os-CAP, said: "This is a really good opportunity for children to get creative through writing, whilst also thinking about the negative effects of alcohol."

The competition is open to key stage three and four schoolchildren. Winners will receive a £100 gift voucher and runners up will receive a £25 gift voucher.

Competition packs have been given to teachers at local schools for entries to be submitted by May 22.

"Our new councillors join us at a real time of change. Local government is fast changing, the high street is fast changing, community aspirations are considerable and there are big threats to local government finance that will make our budget setting process at the end of this year extremely difficult."

He praised the former council for adopting the Oswestry 2020 neighbourhood plan process.

"As a town council, I intend that we will be at the forefront of all debates, looking to revitalise our town centre and increase its footfall."

Employment

"The key priorities that have been picked out again centre around revitalising the town centre, creating employment and gaining early access to land for development for business purposes."

"Already we are better placed than many market towns as we have a grant scheme to attract and assist new retailers."

"We have invested £10,000 in Start-Up Britain looking to develop and encourage young entrepreneurs."

"We are arranging additional events for the town centre, including continental markets to help footfall and we are also trying to have licences for street trading devolved to the council so that we can help local organisations who want to make more use of the town centre and promote their business and activities without the need to pay licence fees."

Councillor Schofield said a major debate in the coming year would be over Oswestry's traffic system and infrastructure in a study being led by Shropshire Council.

Councillor Schofield took over the role of mayor from Councillor Martin Bennett who he praised for his dedication.

He said: "I have witnessed first-hand the whirlwind number of meetings, events and engagements that Martin Bennett has been involved in."

"Everything is done with 100 per cent commitment, sometimes more, and under his leadership some very big decisions have been taken in the last 12 months."



From left, mayoress Mrs Val Schofield, mayor Councillor Chris Schofield, High Sheriff of Shropshire Mrs Diane Flint, and past mayor Councillor Martin Bennett. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

NEWS in brief

£12m spend for power supply unit

AN ageing electricity substation in Oswestry is to have a £12 million revamp.

ScottishPower Energy Networks said the upgrade of the 132,000 volt substation at Whittington Road will replace infrastructure that has served the Oswestry, Ellesmere, Welshpool and Newtown areas for over 50 years.

The substation supplies 90,000 people and the work should be finished by the summer of 2015.

Mark Sobczak at ScottishPower Energy Networks, said: "This multi-million pound project will ensure the network from Oswestry to Newtown and surrounding areas is modern and robust."

ScottishPower says it has developed a work programme that will not interrupt supplies to customers.

Clay pigeon club seeks new venue

A CLAY pigeon shooting club is having to find a new venue because the quarry it has used for a quarter of a century is to become a nature reserve.

The Oswestry police clay pigeon club was set up by members of the Oswestry police club in the 1980s but is now run by two retired officers. It has met once a month at the Llynclys Quarry for the past 25 years.

Jim Ashley, a founder member, said "It is a shame."

"We are now looking for an alternative venue that we could use for a couple of hours, one Sunday a month."

Coffee morning

THE next Welshpool mayor's coffee morning will be held on May 24 at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall. The event will raise funds for the Welshpool Leg Club and the Multiple Sclerosis Society, starting at 9am.

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Youth cafe is feeling pinch

THE financial pressures faced by Oswestry Youth Cafe have been spelt out at the group's annual general meeting.

The talks, held on Tuesday evening, were told the service had faced a battle to stay financially afloat in the last year and will face further funding pressures over the next 12 months.

In a summary of the work carried out by the youth cafe in the last year, project manager Ian Wilson described the year as 'difficult' and said although a total of £42,000 was raised to help keep the service going, the group faced increased financial pressures this year.

by Iain St John

Car fan revved up for new film

A PERFORMANCE car enthusiast is revving up for the premier of the new Hollywood blockbuster Fast and Furious 6.

Suzanne Lednor, of Oswestry, has gone full throttle to secure stunning supercars for the cinema screening.

The fleet of fast cars will be at Cineworld at Bentley Bridge Wolverhampton on Friday, May 17 from 5pm.

Suzanne, who used to run car clubs Cruise Shropshire and Shropshire Modified and Performance Car Club, said: "We'll have about 20 cars outside the Cinema, six outside the main entrance, 15 at the side, then two cars and two drag cars inside the cinema. We've got six promotion girls to add some glamour and go with the Fast and the Furious theme. It's going to be great. We've got people coming from as far as London to show their cars."

A Lamborghini, Mitsubishi Evo 5, Nissan 180sx, Nissan 370z and an Audi TT will be on show.

He said the group had to thank various grant-giving bodies such as the Hilton Jones Trust, the Awards for All funding scheme, the National Community Alcohol Partnership Fund and OsCAP for their support.

Mr Wilson said: "The challenge for Oswestry Youth Cafe, as it has been for many years, is to keep the ship afloat, and 2012-2013 has been no exception."

"And yet we have done it by having a dedicated staff team of paid and volunteer staff, second to none. Our management committee has remained constant and committed with many of them continuing to take on sessional youth support roles and administration tasks."

Mr Wilson added: "Our attendance figures show a slight increase and we have approximately 180 members."

"I put the decrease in numbers in the latter part of the year down to us being able to run fewer sessions due to bad weather conditions."

Mr Wilson said the year's financial struggles had not been helped by the unexpected cost of dealing with water leaks and alarm system improvements which cost about £3,500 and said support from local charities and businesses had been a funding lifeline.

He added: "Funding is still coming in and during the last two weeks of April one county charity and one local one has awarded the cafe £8,000 between them, showing us that the work we do is valued."

Crafts on sale at town fair



A NEWLY-formed group called Made on the Borders, organised a craft fair at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry, last weekend. With a range of crafts, were the organisers, Wendy Unwin and Trish Brunt. Future dates at the hall include, July 20, September 28 and November 9. Call Trish for more details, or too book a stall, on 07851 5241370, or e-mail, mobcraftsow@yahoo.co.uk Picture: Peter Flemmich.

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NEWS

Eagle sculpture lands with voluntary help from firms

A STUNNING sculpture depicting the legendary origins of a town has been unveiled.

The history of Oswestry has been captured as a giant eagle holding the arm of the king that gave the town its name.

The nine-foot bird stands proud at the site of St Oswald's Well, next to Oswestry School. It forms part of the Oswestry Urban Safari Trail, a series of animal statues to encourage visitors to the town.

King Oswald, who was defeated in battle, is said to have had one of his arms taken by a huge eagle.

Legend has it that the bird took it to a nearby tree where it fell to the ground and was said to have caused a natural spring to form.

Local sculptor, Jeremy Schrecker, carefully crafted a man's arm which has been fitted into a specially created gauntlet to represent the arm of King Oswald.

The magnificent eagle, on a specially designed plinth, has been provided by the British Ironworks Centre, recent winners of the Chronicle Business Awards for "Community Champion".

Benefit

Digger Rentals, T G Griffiths and local sculptor Jeremy Schrecker helped out with the installation labour and raw materials free of charge for the benefit of the town.

T G Griffiths supplied ready mix concrete and Digger Rentals then lifted and sited the huge bird using their teleporter.

Engraving Plus of Oswestry then engraved the plaque, with a fitting inscription to the memory of King Oswald.

The piece was revealed to staff and pupils of Oswestry School together with town councillors Keith Barrow and Vince Hunt.

Douglas Robb, head of Oswestry School, said: "I am delighted we can be involved in the safari trail. The eagle highlights the history of Oswestry, and I am astonished by the generosity and kindness from the British Ironwork Centre to help our town."

by Jennifer Meierhans

Clive Knowles, managing director of the British Ironworks Centre, said: "I am both surprised and delighted at the response for help and donations from local business owners."

"It has been most inspiring."

It is hoped that the coming together of the British Ironworks centre, with local schools, town councillors and local artists, sculptors, and businesses will help to promote a great sense of pride in the community, and give a healthy, much needed boost to local tourism trade.

The British Ironworks centre would like to hear from any artisans, ground workers or historians that would like to contribute time, resources or advice, in preparing any of the projects being proposed.

● The town of Oswestry was named after King Oswald of Northumbria.

● He was killed by the Mercians at the Battle of Maserfield in 642 AD.

● His body was dismembered and hung from a nearby tree, hence the name "Oswald's Tree".

● According to legend an eagle picked up one of his arms but dropped it and a spring burst from where it landed.



From left, Clive Knowles, Douglas Robb and Councillor Vince Hunt.

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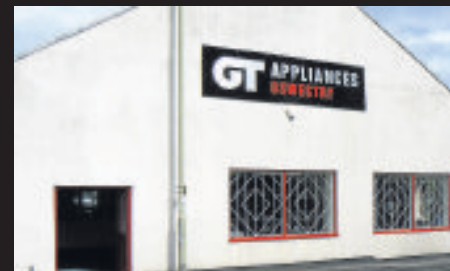
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Event for charities nets sum of £1,450

ALMOST £1,500 was raised at a charity event in Oswestry in aid of two good causes.

The springtime charity event held at Oswestry Cricket Club was organised by grandmother Eleanor Ingman-Stone to raise money for the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury and for research into the severe muscle wasting disease Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Mrs Ingman-Stone said: "A grand total of £1,450 was raised which will benefit two charities close to my heart."

"The first being The Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury where my dear husband Andrew, aged 51 years, passed away on April 22 last year and received excellent care there the last six days of his life."

"The second charity to benefit from this money will be Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy which my grandson Tomas, aged 11 years, suffers from."

"This is a severe muscle wasting disease of which there is no cure and life expectancy is at present late teens to early 20s."

Mrs Ingman-Stone thanked everyone who helped at the event, in particular those who attended, gave donations and bought raffle tickets and prizes.

"I was astounded to have raised so much," she said.

New sculptures unveiled to share heritage of canal site

TWO sculptures depicting the landscape around a World Heritage Site near Oswestry have been formally unveiled.

The two sculptures feature images of the Chirk aqueduct etched into metal, and have been placed next to the Llangollen Canal at Gledrid.

Artist Jason Hicklin, from Ellesmere, spent two years creating the etchings along with further sculptures which are due to be unveiled at Lower Frankton, Llanymynech and in Ellesmere during the next month.

Children from nearby Weston Rhyn Primary School visited the canal to see the new installations on Monday.

Jason said: "I work with acids and metals and base all my work on British landscapes, but this is the first time I've ever done work with an inland waterway or with sculpture."

"The idea comes from an Ordnance Survey map - something folded that's being unfolded. It was an experimental project because I've never made sculptures before and I had to get a team together, and I only had a limited budget to work with."

"I've really enjoyed the project. The images are all based on the local area, and it's been an absolute eye opener to me to learn about the engineering of the canals and the experts who worked

by Pam Griffin

on them, doing something that they didn't know would work. When Thomas Telford designed the aqueduct he was working in the dark because he didn't know for sure that it would work, and I felt a bit like that as well while I was working on this project."

The project was commissioned by the Ellesmere Sculpture Initiative and was first mooted in 2009, when an 11-mile corridor of the canal, which includes Chirk Bank and the nearby Chirk Aqueduct, was granted World Heritage Site status.

Sandra Thomas from the initiative said: "The etchings are at key points along the route of the old Ellesmere canal, which is now the Llangollen Canal and the Montgomery Canal," she said.

"They are really artistic interpretations of what Jason sees, supported by local and historical information."



Weston Rhyn School pupils Ivory Hickman and Lughaidh Power, both nine, take a look at the sculptures.

Swinging sixties to return at rail event

THE swinging sixties will be returning to an historic railway in Mid Wales this weekend as part of its golden anniversary celebrations.

Mini skirts and flower power will be the order of the day on Saturday and Sunday when the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway hosts the event as part of its year of celebrations.

Visitors will see fashion, cars and music from the 1960s while also being encouraged to get in fancy dress themselves.

Andrew Charman, railway spokesman, said the emphasis would be on fun while also getting people to enjoy the railway.

He said: "Back in 1963 when a bold band of enthusiasts reopened the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway as a heritage line, the world was very different to today, and now the railway is gearing up to revive those far-off days of half a century ago."

"As part of the line's Golden Anniversary celebrations, the Swinging Sixties weekend on May 18 and 19 promises a return to the days of flower power, mini skirts and the Twiggy look."

"We hope that lots of people will come along, dress up and enjoy a heavy slice of 1960s nostalgia, while having a good time too."

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Wartime radio HQ branded an eyesore

A FORMERLY secret Second World War and Cold War telecommunications centre has been branded an eyesore after being left to rot for a decade.

The Crigion radio station, near Oswestry, underneath the picturesque Breiddens, was branded a blot on the landscape by Powys county councillor Graham Brown. He said 10 years of vandalism had taken its toll and trespassers are risking their lives because of broken glass and other debris.

A spokesman for BT, which is responsible for the site, said it will clear the rubbish.

Built during the Second World War, the Crigion station was used to keep the Admiralty in contact with Royal Navy ships around the world. The site became a signal relay station for nuclear submarines during the Cold War, as well as for overseas telephone communications.

It closed in 2003 and the masts were demolished.

But Councillor Brown said: "Glass has been smashed and is all over the floor inside and thieves have taken all the wiring and anything else of note inside the buildings."

A spokesman for BT said: "BT is considering its position as leaseholder of this site and the site's future is currently under review."

Swans show off cygnets

by Iain St John

MEET the latest residents at a castle near Oswestry.

These seven cygnets all hatched at Whittington Castle. They are the offspring of the property's resident swans, Betty and Bill. The arrival of the youngsters is especially welcome because last year bad weather meant no eggs hatched successfully.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "We are delighted to have a family of swans back again. Last year the eggs spoiled because of bad weather which was disappointing for everyone because the castle has become so well known for its swans."

"Six eggs had hatched by last Tuesday and I have been told another hatched the other day so we have seven cygnets at the moment. There are two more eggs in the nest but we don't know whether they will hatch successfully."

"We would ask visitors not to get too close to the nest because obviously the adult swans will be naturally protective of the young. And we would also say that the cygnets may disappear for about 10 days soon because the female adults takes them down to the River Perry or down the fields near the castle to protect them from predators."

"They return pretty soon afterwards and it is lovely to see the family around the castle. The swans are always very popular."

The parent swans have been at the castle for about 13 years.

The family will stay together until about October when for safety reasons the offspring will be taken from the site by RSPCA officers. Miss Ellis said: "Once the young swans start to fly they need to be moved."

"They cause a bit of havoc often on the road outside the castle and in the past they have flown into phone lines."

"We move them for their own safety."

"I have to write to Natural England to get a licence to move the swans and then we work out a day with the RSPCA who come along and catch them before taking them to another habitat in Shropshire."



The swan and her cygnets enjoy a warm afternoon on Whittington Castle's moat. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

Tom scores Cup final dream



FA Cup final mascot Tom Wolstenholme with his proud dad Tony.

TOM Wolstenholme fulfilled many a man's childhood dream as he walked onto the hallowed Wembley turf for the FA Cup final.

Holding the hand of England and Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry, Tom took centre stage as one of the mascots for his beloved Manchester City.

And although his team was beaten 1-0 by Wigan, the seven-year-old said it was one of the best days of his life.

It was Tom's mum Steph, who saw a competition in a daily newspaper to win a place in the mascots line-up.

"Tom is a mad keen Manchester City fan so without him knowing I entered the competition. He was over the moon when we found out that he had won."

Also over the moon was dad Tony, who accompanied Tom down to Wembley as he is also a Man City fan.

"Tony had never been to an FA Cup final and as they both support Manchester City was a wonderful opportunity. To be a mascot

on such a big occasion is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and his dad was so proud, as we all were," Steph said.

"I was far too nervous to go there myself and watch him but we all saw him on the television. My emotions were all over the place I didn't know whether to cry or whether to just be incredibly proud."

As part of his role as a mascot Tom had to line up with 21 other lucky boys and girls and dressed in a mini Manchester City kit, walk out onto the pitch alongside Barry.

"He was allowed to keep the kit and he was given a special Wembley goodie bag. He was disappointed with the score, obviously, but it hasn't spoiled his experience."

A pupil at Woodside School, Tom has already had to speak about his role at the cup final in assemblies this week.

Tom is himself a talented player. He is a forward for Oswestry Boys and Girls Club and recently scored no less than seven goals in a game for his team.

Big plans for fire to mark milestone

WHEN firefighters decided to organise a community bonfire in their own time 25 years ago, their aim was to provide a safe way to enjoy November 5.

Fears over blazes and injuries stemming from bonfires in back gardens and fireworks being let off in the street, prompted members of Oswestry Fire Station and retired colleagues to set up their own annual event, under a new organisation, the Treble Niners.

A quarter of a century later the event is as popular as ever and has helped raise tens of thousands of pounds for local charities and good causes.

Each year the Treble Niners bonfire and fireworks celebration wows thousands of people who attend the event in Brogyntyn Park next to Oswestry Fire Station.

And this year organisers are planning an even bigger and more spectacular event to mark its 25th anniversary.

Mike Wilkinson, one of the founder members of the Treble Niners and a retired station manager at Oswestry fire station, said: "This year one of our members has been on a special course for large firework events."

"This will help ensure the bonfire and fireworks this November will be bigger and better than ever."

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COMMENT**Press must always have the right to speak out**

HOW many of us saw the sex scandals that now hang over so many TV personalities coming?

Certainly not me – but perhaps I shouldn't have been so shocked about one of the cases a many were.

I have long been an admirer of Stuart Hall.

He was a childhood hero as the host of the amazing It's A Knockout series and more recently his Radio 5 commentary from the country's biggest football stadiums was the stuff of legends.

The persona of the jovial buffoon fooled us all though and now the veteran BBC broadcaster, has been described as an "opportunistic predator" by the Crown Prosecution Service after he admitted a string of historic sex offences against girls.

What angers me is that it has taken so long for he, and so many others recently named, to be exposed.

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

with Graham Breeze



Back in 2004 I was with over 150 others at a newspaper publishers awards ceremony and witnessed Hall manhandle a young lady as she collected a prize for being named the young journalist of the year.

What should have been her finest hour turned into a nightmare for Beth Neil when Hall presented the award by openly groping her on stage and then slapping her on the bottom as she walked off.

I remember vividly the horror we all felt in that room that day. Her editor wrote a

letter of complaint to Hall, who apologised by return and sent her a video of It's A Knockout as compensation.

Why was the incident not taken any further? Because like so many of the cases now coming out of the woodwork it was because of Hall's personality status.

Which is why the press must never be shackled in naming suspects. If this incident had been taken further many more victims would have come forward.

This case really highlights the argument for naming arrested suspects. One police force is refusing to name people who have been charged until they appear in court.

This could lead to secret justice replacing rights of the public, and indeed defendants. Adopting such tactics would mean cases such as Hall's would never have come to light.

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Sometimes it is difficult to understand

the thinking of councillors. Shropshire Council's north planning committee went against their own planning officers' advice and rejected plans for a housing development which would have helped provide homes for key workers from Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Planning officers had recommended granting outline permission to build up to 15 houses, including several affordable homes, at The Tilings in Whittington Road, Gobowen.

Officers explained the bid had been resubmitted after an announcement in February that Shropshire Council has a shortfall in the five-year supply of housing land.

Sounded like a no-brainer to me.

What is the point of officers giving advice if it is not taken?

And why announce a shortfall if you are going to reject such a worthy application?

Nursing pioneer Mary's OBE handed to hospital

by Iain St John

THE OBE presented to one of Oswestry's most influential nurses has been presented as a lasting memorial to the hospital where she worked.

Relatives of Mary Powell OBE, whose achievements included writing a textbook used by orthopaedic nurses across the world, have given her medal for services to medicine to officials at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Orthopaedics is the branch of medicine concerned with muscles, bones, joints and nerves.

The presentation came after more than 100 people, including nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and medical students, attended a two-day conference at the hospital to mark what would have been Miss Powell's 100th year.

Event organiser Sister Alex Radford said: "Mary Powell was a great influence both at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital and across the orthopaedic world."

"We thought it would be a fitting tribute to her. We are hoping the conference will run bi-annually."

"The conference featured 16 of our consultants providing presentations on the advances which we see in orthopaedics today and what we hope to see in the future."

Internationally recognised as a pioneer in orthopaedic nursing, Miss Powell was born in Pulverbatch near Shrewsbury and always wanted to be a nurse.

She first worked at the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital in 1936 as a staff nurse, training under Dame Agnes Hunt and later came back to work for the hospital as Matron. Her book 'Orthopaedic Nursing' became the standard textbook for orthopaedic nurses and ran over nine editions over 35 years.

Her work with the World Health Organi-



Mary Powell's nephew John Mansell and his wife Hilary with Prof Stephen Eisenstein.



Chris Evans, consultant orthopaedic surgeon, talks at the conference held in memory of Mary Powell.



Mary Powell, who wrote textbooks that is used across the world, pictured at the hospital in 2009.

sation took her to Burma, India, Australia and Hong Kong.

Miss Powell died in 2011 at the age of 98.

Professor Stephen Eisenstein said he was delighted to accept Miss Powell's OBE on behalf of the hospital.

He said: "Mary Powell was a remarkable nurse, very much ahead of her time. She did a vast amount to improve orthopaedic care and left a fitting legacy. This conference is a tribute to her work. We are grateful to her family for sharing the OBE with Oswestry."

Lectures at the conference ranged from advances from military orthopaedics to the latest in sports injury, spinal, hip and knee surgery, as well as progressions in pain management, upper and lower limb treatments and theatre developments.



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LETTERS & NEWS

Walk for men aids research on cancer

A WALK to encourage men to take better care of their health has raised hundreds of pounds.

Members of Oswestry Rotary Club said the group's first 5km Men Walking 4 Men walk on Sunday was a massive success.

And it is hoped the success of this event will see the idea being copied by other organisations in the region.

John Ward, club president, said although he had not yet got a final figure on how much was raised nor how many people had taken part, he said it had been a huge success.

He said: "We walked 5km around the Oswestry area on Sunday morning from 10am and everyone was saying to us afterwards that they hoped we would do it again next year because they had enjoyed it so much."

"The event is aimed at encouraging men to be more aware of gender-specific cancers in the same way that it has become second nature for women both to look out for warning signs and to do something about them if they appear."

Mr Ward said club bosses got the idea for the walk after seeing the success that Cancer Research UK's Race for Life has enjoyed and how it has become a vehicle for breast cancer awareness and raising funds for research.

The entry fee of £10 for Sunday's walk will go towards research into the most common male cancers.

Donation to festival

CIVIC leaders have pledged money towards a music festival this summer.

Ellesmere Town Council will hand £500 to the organisers of the Ellesmere Music Festival.

The free festival will run from midday until midnight on June 1 in the Market Hall in Scotland Street.

Acts on the bill include Holland & Rose, The Ukeymonster, Mere Singers, Mary & the Mudlarks, Tribeca, Not Completely Blonde and Parti Gungrog and The Baghdaddies.

The event will cost £4,000 to stage and the organisers so far have collected £2,500.

This includes donations from Ellesmere College and Ellesmere Chamber of Trade.

It's time to take Ukip seriously

WHY did Ukip do so well in the local elections?

The simple fact is that the electorate are sick of the three mainstream parties, sick of professional politicians who have never had a job with work involved, sick of their greed and arrogance, sick of the fact that they will not listen to the electorate, tell them the truth or keep election promises.

All three major parties promised a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU, all three reneged on that promise. Will the result make any difference? Our political system is

designed around the three major parties and intolerant of any change.

Our supposedly 'unbiased' BBC has been deeply biased against Ukip from day one, interviewing two failed Tory politicians after the EU elections while ignoring two Ukip contenders who succeeded. The nation's broadsheets show the same bias, gleefully printing the 'closet racists' and 'clown' labels and ignoring anything positive.

It is time for drastic action when 648 MPs cannot understand that a vast majority of the electorate believe that unfettered immigration is a dangerous

policy. That the European Arrest Warrant flies in the face of Habeas Corpus, assumes that every member country has the same level of justice and civil security as our own which is patently not the case.

The vast majority of the electorate are well aware that it is now five years since the euro went belly up, well aware that we are still paying £50 million every day to Brussels and well aware that none of those 648 MPs think that we ought to be told why.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry



LOOK to the far right of this photo, and you can just see the main part of Welshpool Home Guard marching into shot in the victory parade in Welshpool to celebrate the end of World War Two – so depending on whether this is marking VJ Day or VE Day, we are talking either August or May 1945. The photo, taken in front of Welshpool Town Hall, comes from former police officer Bob Landers, who was born in 1919. His father, Major Jack Landers, was the Company Commander and is on the dais, immediately behind the microphone, standing next to the Mayor, who is in his regalia and taking the salute.

Charity in warning on sick puppies

SINCE animal charity Four Paws was founded 25 years ago we have helped many thousands of animals all over the world.

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Make sure you take the right road in life

A HUGE lorry had stopped on the road outside our house early one morning.

The driver looked a bit lost so my wife sent me out to ask him if he needed help.

He told me he was looking for a remote farm, and he was grateful when I gave him directions how to get there. Satnavs can get you stuck up a creek sometimes, especially if you're driving a big truck.

The direction we go in life is even more important, a few wrong turns or following the wrong crowd can lead to shattered dreams and failure. There's an old proverb that says 'there is a way that seems right to man but it ends in death'.

RON JONES
St Martins
Oswestry

Cameron is facing a new fight

THE European Commission has published a series of measures designed to increase freedom of movement within the EU.

It says the move will "reinforce" people's rights, with the focus on making it easier to live and work in other EU countries.

To me this is an act of absolute insult to the British who have said time and again they are fed up with uncontrolled immigration.

The Commission is sending a signal to Mr Cameron that the EU wants more immigration.

Mr Cameron has quite a fight on his hands if he is to take the Commission on on this – in addition to the battle he is fighting against Ukip's electoral success.

JOHN BUFTON MEP
FOR WALES
Powys

Plan sets out list of priorities for police

A FIVE-year plan setting out priorities for the new commissioner of Dyfed Powys Police has been launched.

Christopher Salmon has launched his police and crime plan for 2013 to 2018, where he says he will prioritise protecting vulnerable people and improving neighbourhood policing.

The plan details six priorities: preventing and tackling crime; protecting vulnerable people; bringing people to justice; enhancing access to police services; ensuring high standards of professionalism; and spending wisely.

Commissioner Salmon said: "For the first time last year we elected Police and Crime Commissioners across Wales and England."

"People in Dyfed-Powys now have a direct say in how we keep our communities safe from crime. Nothing is more important than the safety of our homes and families."

"My plan lays out how we will make our communities safer in the next five years. It establishes priorities for the police and others to tackle the crime that affects people's lives."

"These priorities come from the people of Llanelli, Llandrindod Wells, Welshpool, Haverfordwest, Abergystwyth, Cardigan and Carmarthen and communities across Dyfed-Powys. These are their priorities. This is their plan."

He added: "We must prioritise prevention and protecting the vulnerable in their homes and on the streets. We must bring criminals to justice."

"We can do more by working together with our partners, thinking innovatively and adapting. The years ahead present exciting opportunities. Most exciting of all is the chance for us all to make our communities safer, better places to live."

The Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Plan 2013 to 2018 was formed by the commissioner after a public consultation.

Fundraiser

A FUNDRAISING coffee morning will be held in Welshpool tomorrow (Friday). The Oldford Active Community Group is organising the fundraiser at the Corn Exchange, Welshpool Town Hall from 9am. The coffee morning will raise funds for the group.

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Bikers caught in police crackdown

DYFED-Powys Police have ended a clampdown on wreckless motorbike riders in a bid to reduce the number of accidents on roads.

Road safety officers targeted known blackspots to tackle what they have described as "anti-social and dangerous riding".

The recent fine weather brought huge numbers to the area with seven riders caught breaking the law and a further 23 warned for using excessive speed.

In the same operation, 13 car drivers were also reported for speeding.

"We appreciate that motorcyclists and other motorists enjoy driving on our roads in Dyfed-Powys and the vast majority ride safely and within the law," said Sergeant Ian Price.

"But we have a job to do and that is to ensure that our roads are safe for all road users as well as to keep bikers safe. And over the coming months, Roads Policing Officers will continue to take positive action."

Swim success

WELSHPOOL'S swimmers continued their excellent year with 46 medals at the Wrexham Open Meeting. "Lots of swimmers achieved new personal best times and also achieved Welsh Summer Nationals qualifying times. A fantastic achievement from the swimmers," said coach Peter Swanton.

More than 100 take part in Bikes, Boats 'n' Boots event

by Andrew Morris

MORE than 100 people cycled, canoed and walked along the Montgomery Canal as part of an annual triathlon event.

The triathlon – the second to be held along the canal – was this year entitled Bikes, Boats 'n' Boots and was held on Saturday.

Starting from Newtown on bicycles, entrants changed to canoes in Welshpool and finished the 35-mile canal on foot, walking from Llanymynech to Welsh Frankton.

The event was organised by the Friends of the Montgomery Canal and supported by the Canal & River Trust, Shropshire Paddlesport and the Shrewsbury, District and North

Wales branch of the Inland Waterways Association.

Participants and organisers said the event was a huge success, while traders in towns along the river also reported a boost in trade.

Christine Palin, chairman of the Friends of the Montgomery Canal, said: "As people were finishing last year, they were asking us to run the event again so we did and it was a great success."

"More than 100 people took part in our challenge to cycle, canoe and walk the whole of the 35-mile length of the canal, from Newtown in Powys to Welsh Frankton in Shropshire, and some of them came from over 100 miles to do so."

"The Montgomery Canal Triathlon is becoming a fixture in the local timetable and an event which promotes the canal and the border area."

"We are very grateful to the Canal & River Trust which worked hard to make the canal more easily navigable, clearing the channel from Welshpool to Llanymynech. Our volunteers had been giving a hand too, with a series of working parties helping to get the canal ready for the event."

"At the same time, contractors have been working to complete the national cycleway from Newtown to Welshpool, which made the cycle ride much easier than last year."



Will Bardsley taking his bike across the canal for his transition to the canoe.



Competitors in the canal in Welshpool. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.



Competitors biking along the canal in Welshpool.

Pupils in trainers to raise money

PUPILS in Welshpool pulled on their trainers to help raise money for charity.

Young people from the town's High School raised more than £460 for charity and their own physical education department after taking part in a national scheme.

The aim was to promote sport, healthy lifestyles and a famous sporting event – next year's Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Pupils were taking part in the national Sport Your Trainers Day scheme.

They were allowed to wear their trainers to school along with their normal uniform.

Each pupil paid £1 to take part and the money will be split between the British Heart Foundation and the school's PE department.

The event was organised by the school's Gold Young Ambassadors, Rhys Phillips and Alex Cawthra, and Silver Ambassadors Ewan Ellis and Emilee Gwillt.

Thanks to their efforts in giving up their free time, they were able to raise a fantastic amount for these excellent causes.

The ambassadors have been selected to represent the school and have been given the task of promoting exercise and encouraging their peers to become more active within school and in the local community.

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Harry's windfarm views boost for campaigners

Back in time at tearoom



A NEW tearoom is turning back the clock in Welshpool with a vintage theme. The Bay Tree in Church Street has themed not only the food it serves but also the 'quirky' items and crafts it sells to visitors. It has been opened by local woman, Trudy Thomas, who wanted to offer something to local people and visitors. She said: "Welshpool is a traditional market town and working with other retailers and businesses we want to help attract more people into the centre."

by James Pugh

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans to create pylons linking windfarms in Mid Wales have found an unlikely ally – Prince Harry.

The prince voiced concerns about the visual impact of windfarms after attending a reception in Denver in the United States and his views are apparently shared by his father, the Prince of Wales.

It comes just weeks ahead of the start of a public inquiry into plans to build windfarms across Mid Wales. The first session will be held at the Royal Oak in Welshpool on June 4.

National Grid wants to build a 400,000-volt electricity line across the Shropshire border to feed electricity generated from the proposed windfarms into the national network. Its planned route will run from an electricity substation at Cefn Coch, west of Welshpool, via Llansantffraid, south of Llanyrnnech and Oswestry, to Lower Frankton where it would join the main grid.

Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, who is leading the fight against the pylon plans, said: "I am very pleased with Prince Harry's views."

"We all acknowledge climate change is a huge issue, but onshore windfarms are not the way to go."

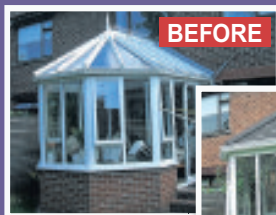
Susan Reilly, chief executive officer of Renewable Energy Systems Americas, said she had reassured the prince during the reception about the benefits of wind turbines, just as she had with his father.

She said: "Prince Harry said he was worried about their visual impact. I told him that I had met his father some years ago and when we discussed windfarms he shared his concerns."

"But as with Prince Charles, I pointed out that we need to strike a balance between their visual impact and the need for renewable energy."

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Ex-news presenter is guest of society

A FORMER BBC Midlands Today presenter was the guest speaker at the 30th anniversary celebrations of a fire art society.

Former news presenter Kay Alexander joined more than 80 members and guests of the Shrewsbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society at a dinner at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry.

The former journalist is chairman of the Birmingham Assay Office.

Also present at the dinner were the high sheriff of Shropshire, Mrs Diana Flint, and the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies West Midlands area chairman, Mrs Stephanie Farouqi.

The loyal toast was given by the society's president, Mr Howard Franklin.

Alexander retired in October last year after almost 40 years with the BBC. After graduating from the University of Birmingham in 1973, Ms Alexander joined the BBC at Pebble Mill in Birmingham as a reporter on Radio 4. She later moved on to Midlands Today.

She said the time was right to go because her husband - fellow broadcaster Brian Conway - had retired at Christmas and she 'was envious that he was free every day'.

For more details about the SFAS visit shrewsbury-sfas.org.uk

Riders battle mud and rain to raise £9,000 for charity

MUD, rain and even hail failed to put a dampener on spirits as an annual charity mountain bike challenge held in the Welsh foothills near Oswestry raised £9,000.

The Borderland Rotary Club held its 20th Dai-Pak bike challenge over the Berwyn Hills. The gruelling, 22-mile mountain bike ride through the mountains attracted 153 riders, four runners and even a dog.

One of the organisers Jonathan Jones said: "The weather wasn't good to the riders but they seem to think the rain added something to the event. The ones that set off early missed the bad weather and it was the 40 or so marshals that really suffered in the weather."

by Sue Austin

No comment over turbine

COUNCILLORS in Ellesmere have decided not to comment on proposals to put up a wind turbine in a nearby village.

At a meeting of Ellesmere Town Council in the Town Hall councillors agreed to wait until a planning application for the turbine at The Newnes is submitted.

Resident of Tetchill John Paul Jeffels presented the meeting with research into turbines and said the scheme for a 130-metre (426ft) turbine would "be the death of Ellesmere". He urged councillors to consider his opinion when they are called on as part of a consultation on the plans.

The scheme is the brainchild of local company Severn Sisters and would be built on land off Ellesmere Road.

But at the meeting Councillor Ian Ward said that Ellesmere Parish Council has decided not to comment on proposals until plans are presented to them. Mayor of Ellesmere, Councillor Alan Clarke, said the town council should take the same stance.

"We are very grateful to them for standing out in the wind, rain and even an occasional hailstorm."

Mr Jones also praised the sponsor, Dai-Pak. He said: "We are extremely grateful to Dai-Pak from Ruyton XI Towns for sponsorship of the event."

"The company has been a firm friend and sponsor of the event from the start. Over the past 20 years with Dai-Pak's help we have now raised £100,000 for charity."

"We are also indebted to the farmers and landowners in the Berwyn Mountains for allowing us to run the event across their lands for sections not normally open to the public."

He said despite the weather at the weekend everyone enjoyed themselves.

"All returned covered in mud but with huge smiles on their faces having met the challenge. The money we raised this year will allow the Borderland Rotary Club to support the Midlands and Wales Air Ambulances as the main beneficiaries as well as so many other clubs and organisations helped by the Borderland Club."

Borderland Rotary meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel. More information on the Borderland club can be found at www.borderlandrotary.co.uk

Holiday couple in drama on jet home

A COUPLE caught up in an emergency scare on their way home from holiday say their experience shows how important it is to take notice of safety drills on airplanes.

Colin and Angela Spicer, from Duddleston Heath near Oswestry, were travelling home from Italy to Manchester last Thursday when the pilot suddenly called out an emergency procedure and the oxygen masks dropped from above their seats.

"It is something that you never think is going to happen," Mr Spicer said.

"When the safety demonstrations take place at the start of every flight I don't think anyone really takes a lot of interest. But Thursday showed just how important they are."

Passengers on the Jet 2 flight had to wear the oxygen masks for about 20 minutes while the aircraft lost altitude and a decompression problem was sorted out.

Mr Spicer said: "The stewardesses were very professional and put us all at ease. The problem was sorted out in about 20 minutes and we landed in Manchester airport safely. There was great applause from the passengers for the pilot and co-pilot."

Mr Spicer said the plane was given an escort from a fire vehicle and was parked away from the main terminus.



Competitors in the Dai-Pak mountain bike challenge, at Rhiwlas, near Oswestry.

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Sports stars aid school fundraiser

AN audience of nearly 200 people was regaled with stories and anecdotes from two of sport's most recognisable faces at a fundraising evening at a school near Oswestry.

TV commentator and presenter John Inverdale was joined by former England rugby player Simon Halliday at the inaugural sporting dinner hosted by Moreton Hall Girls School at Weston Rhyn.

Organisers said the audience thoroughly enjoyed the event, which was held in aid of two good causes.

Donations were made to the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk Disorder in the Young) for which both John Inverdale and Simon Halliday work as patrons. Proceeds from the event, on May 9, also went to the Moreton Hall Foundation's Centenary Appeal, which in part is raising funds for a new sports pavilion at the school.

As well as giving a talk about sporting life, the two celebrities also had a chance to meet some of Moreton Hall's pupils and young sports stars.

Fun day at club

BOWLS took second place when members of Wynnastay Bowling Club held its fun day on bank holiday Monday. Members took part in a variety of activities including potting golf balls and throwing darts into hoops.

Hill walking festival bosses add new event for cyclists

A HILL walking festival will have an added element this year – a cycling event.

Tens of thousands of people have enjoyed the Trefonen Hill Walk Weekend since it was launched in the late 1980s. And now cyclists can also enjoy the event for the first time when it runs this year from May 24 to 27. Cycle enthusiasts have announced plans for a Trefonen LaneQuest, a unique cycling challenge on May 26.

Organiser Tim Rutherford said competitors taking part in LaneQuest can sign in at Trefonen Village Hall from 1.30pm to 2pm on the day and collect a map of the area, marked

by Iain St John

Coach firm nets safety award

AN Oswestry coach firm has become the first in the area to be commended for its child safety standards.

Bosses at Owens' Travelmaster coaches say they are delighted to have been awarded the top six star rating by safety campaign group BUSK.

BUSK was founded in 1993 by Pat Harris after her four-year-old son was injured on his school bus while he was not wearing a safety belt.

Her campaign highlighted the need for safety belts for pupils on the daily journey to and from school.

It led to a new accreditation called the BUSK Benchmark which recognises firms which deliver a high standard of child safety measures through a star rating system.

Owens' Travelmaster Coaches is the first company in Shropshire and Mid Wales to be accepted into the scheme.

The firm had to go through a rigorous inspection process.

up with spots to visit. He said: "At each site, you will find a unique sticker to place on the map. The sites are worth points, depending how far away they are, and you choose your route between them; as gentle or tough as you like."

"You have three hours to collect as many as you can, but if you collect all the stickers you will have ridden a minimum of 27 miles and done some serious climbing."

"Over this terrain a 9mph average is not easy. We can suggest a gentle route that collects half the sites, for those who just want an easy tour."

"It is all on Tarmac, mostly narrow lanes and B-roads, except for one short 100m stretch of stony track. There are more details at www.trefonen-hillwalk.com"

"The entry is just £4 in advance or £5 on the day, and all the money goes to this year's two hill walk charities. There are lots of events over the three days, and you could finish your ride on Sunday with the huge barbecue at the Barley Mow pub."

The cycle event will be just one of several events lined up for this year's walking festival.

Other activities include a 16-mile walk, a series of shorter walks, a motor bike trial and a duck race.

This year's charities to benefit from the event will be Macmillan Cancer Support and Bulembu School in Swaziland.

Gorilla sculpture leads safari trail



Marches School pupils Rees Jones and Madeline Vaughan, take a look at the new gorilla sculpture. Picture: Peter Shah.

A GIANT gorilla has swung into place outside a secondary school in Oswestry.

But the imposing primate is not The Marches School's latest classroom pet – it is a 7ft sculpture. The school is one of the first sites to adopt a massive metal animal as part of Oswestry Urban Safari Trail.

Staff at the British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry, who donated the piece, joined the school and community leaders to unveil the

spectacular sight on Wednesday. The beautiful beast takes pride of place on the school's front lawn, creating a dramatic and theatrical entrance.

It is part of a unique project to increase footfall and tourism in and around the Oswestry area. The trail will include about 35 bespoke animal sculptures from all over the world. For more details visit www.oswestrysafaritrail.co.uk

Ex-patient taking on wheelchair rugby role

A FORMER patient at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital has been appointed to a top role in the British wheelchair rugby organisation.

Paul Shaw, who has received treatment at the Midlands Centre for Spinal Injuries at the hospital since 1991, has been named as head coach of the GB team.

A former member of the GB wheelchair rugby squad, he played in the Paralympic Games in Sydney 2000 where Britain came sixth and at Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008 where Britain came fourth.

Mr Shaw said: "I am extremely proud to have been given this opportunity."

"I have represented GB in the Paralympics as a player, though never to have quite won a medal."

"To get the opportunity to return once more, particularly at a time when anticipation and understanding of the sport within the UK is at such a high, is a great honour."

Mr Shaw began his coaching career in 2009, working with the Wheelchair Rugby Club 'Crash' in Southport.

He coached the Irish national team from November 2010 through to the European Championships in 2011 and was selected to take part in the UK Sport Paralympic Coach Development Programme, from which he graduated in 2011.

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Fire crews help raise £124,000 for charity

FIREFIGHTERS in mid Wales have helped raise £124,000 for charity in the past 12 months.

The Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service's fundraising activities for firefighters saw a 25 per cent increase on last year's total.

The money has been raised through a series of events held throughout the last financial year, including sponsored parachute jumps, marathons, fire station open days and car washes.

Deputy chief fire officer Paul Bates, who is also the chairman of the charity said: "I'm always staggered by the many weird and wonderful ideas colleagues come up with to raise money for the charities across mid and west Wales."

"Last year, we were just short of £100,000, but to smash that and raise £124,000 is an unbelievable achievement. I would like to extend my thanks and huge appreciation to everyone who was involved in fundraising of one kind or another this year, and to the many members of the public who have supported them."

"The money raised goes a huge way to improving the lives of injured firefighters and their families for which I am truly grateful."

Bone cancer centre scheme is given a £150,000 boost

PLANS to build a £2 million bone cancer centre at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital have been given a huge boost.

The hospital's League of Friends is donating up to £150,000 to the new centre at the site. It is hoped the £2m development, near the main hospital entrance, will be completed by January.

The centre will be part of the tumour unit at the orthopaedic hospital – one of only five in Britain providing a nationally specialised bone tumour service.

With a catchment area of some nine million people the unit is part of the Greater Manchester and Oswestry Sarcoma Service and the Greater Midlands Cancer Network.

The centre will provide en-suite rooms and a garden, and there will also be an area for adolescent and younger patients.

Executive committee members of the League of Friends agreed to make the donation following an address by consultant oncological and orthopaedic surgeon, Dr Paul Cool, who is a member of the team within the unit.

A working group made up of hospital and league representatives will decide how the money will be spent.

League chairman Tricia Norris said: "The creation of this specialised, integrated treatment centre is a major advance in the care of bone cancer patients in our area."

"We will be working with the hospital to identify specific items to enhance the patient's experience and comfort whilst they are in the unit."

Bosses say the league is able to support a wide variety of projects at the hospital thanks largely to its army of hard-working volunteers from all over Shropshire, mid and north Wales.

The appeal to raise £2m for the new cancer centre was boosted by the efforts of a team of fundraisers who took part in the London Marathon this year.

The League of Friends group's biggest single fundraiser is the summer fair being staged at the hospital on June 29.

Male choir to kick off season

A MALE voice choir based at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital begin another busy season with a concert at Kinnerley Parish Church tomorrow (Friday).

The Orthopaedic Male Voice Choir's performance will begin at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available on the door and proceeds are for parish funds.

This concert starts the season for the choir with a number of important dates already in the diary.

Choir chairman Andy Young said: "We are very happy with our continuing association with the Orthopaedic Hospital and thank the management for the excellent practice facilities the choir now have."

"We have added a number of new pieces into the repertoire for 2013 and have been please to welcome a number of new voices over recent months".

The orthopaedic choir practises every Thursday at the hospital starting at 7.30pm and are always happy to welcome new male voices aged over 18.

Lions pay for unit equipment

Oswestry MIU team leader Michael Navin, Lions treasurer Bill Bowen, Lions member Clive Humphries, MIU clinical lead for Shropshire Gilly Scott, Lions members Denis Hampson and Christine Ollier.

OSWESTRY'S new minor injuries unit has new equipment thanks to a £7,000 donation from the town's Lions club.

The cash was spent on two patient trolleys, five equipment and storage trolleys and children's toys and artwork.

The unit is based at the new Oswestry Health Centre and run by Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust.

Michael Navin, team leader at the unit, said: "I would very much like to thank all members of the Oswestry Lions Club for

their very generous donation which will make a real difference to the facilities and the service we are able to offer."

Clive Humphries, member of Oswestry Lions Club, added: "We always like to raise money for local good causes and are delighted this money is going to the town's minor injuries unit."

Gilly Scott, clinical lead for Shropshire's minor injuries units, said: "The minor injuries units are a real alternative for people that have a minor injury."

Summer start for shopping complex

WORK on the out-of-town supermarket and cinema complex for Oswestry should start this summer, it has been revealed.

Permission for the controversial, multi-million pound shopping and leisure centre was granted two and a half years ago but planning and legal red tape have held up the development, which will also include the creation of a new livestock market on the Shrewsbury Road.

But Oswestry Town Council has now announced that work will be starting within weeks with the superstore expected to open by Christmas 2014.

The council is part of a partnership, along with Oswestry cattle auctions, that owns and runs the market.

Its scheme will see the outdated, 1960s market rebuilt with the remaining land becoming a retail centre with a new Morrison's superstore and a cinema.

Mayor Councillor Chris Schofield said: "In the next 12 months the regeneration project of the Livestock Market should move quickly."

"There have been delays in terms of planning but now all the legal agreements are in place, the final planning applications have been submitted and there is a hope the construction team to be on site by the middle of the year."

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£400,000 grant for extension at school

AN ELLESMERE school is to undergo a major expansion after receiving a Government grant of £400,000.

Lakelands School will use the money to build a two-storey extension that will see a new classroom and improved dining room for its 570 pupils.

Headteacher Ian Sanders said: "Receiving this money is brilliant news and a tremendous opportunity for the school."

The money has been awarded from a Government pot which offers grants to schools that have converted into academies.

Lakelands achieved academy status in December last year. This gives the governors freedom from local authority control, allows them to set their own pay and conditions for staff and gives freedom around the delivery of the curriculum.

Mr Sanders said: "We are all really excited about it. It has been recognised that the school needs to improve in terms of what it looks like and its size due to the number of pupils."

"Alongside the expansion the money will also be used to double glaze all the windows which will make the school more environmentally friendly and also a more pleasant place to be."

It is hoped the work will be done by Christmas.

Plans for 23 homes lodged

PROPOSALS for the expansion of a village near Oswestry have been lodged with county planners.

Plans indicate about 23 houses could be built at Park Hall if approval is given. The bid for outline permission has been submitted by Patrick Evans of Park Hall firm Evans Enterprises Limited.

A design and access statement submitted in support of the bid said 1.18 hectares to the north east of Park Hall would be developed.

The statement said the applicant was, at this stage, only seeking outline approval so the number of houses was uncertain. But it said if, as indicated, 23 houses were built, that would be a 'relatively low' development according to Government guidelines.

The statement said: "The dwellings within Park Hall provide a mix of detached, semi-detached and terraced units and the predominant character is of two-storey buildings."

Character

"The proposal would be for dwellings of two-storey height in order to reflect the character of the surrounding development."

"The new dwellings would be of a scale which complement their surroundings thereby ensuring that the new build proposals will be automatically assimilated into the grain of the surrounding properties and would not appear obtrusive in character."

"Park Hall offers a convenient and appropriate location for growth in the form of groups of houses and infill development and in allowing some development will help to sustain existing services and community facilities in Whittington and Gobowen."

The statement concludes: "The current scheme proposes the residential development of this site which is currently unoccupied. It would form a natural infill plot within the existing built development."

"The proposed development would create a high quality residential environment."

Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision by July 30.

Huw Evans, from the angling association, said: "It was made clear the date was not convenient but we would accommodate his event later in the calendar."

Anglers block Dee fundraiser

A MAJOR fundraising event on the River Dee has been blocked by anglers who say it can only be held outside the fishing season.

The event, combining a steam train journey and open boat paddle in Llangollen has been planned by Dave Manby, a nationally and internationally known paddler.

But his aim to run the event in October looks to have been scuppered by local angling associations, who say permission for access to the river would only be given between November and March.

Mr Manby said: "The anglers have rejected this plan, claiming that they control or even own the river and I need their permission to run this event. They have said that they will allow the fundraising paddle but only outside of the fishing season."

Huw Evans, from the angling association, said: "It was made clear the date was not convenient but we would accommodate his event later in the calendar."

Open day fun for visitors



Sam Dudgeon and Ashley Lall at Oswestry School prep department open day.

A RECORD number of families visited Oswestry School for the prep department's May open day.

The young pupils were very busy escorting visitors around the school when parents had the opportunity to visit the colourful classrooms, learn about the award-winning Forest School and join in some of the activities.

Amongst the activities on show were the choir in full voice rehearsing songs from 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat',

Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision by July 30.

cooking activities, and ballet. Following the tour of Bellan House, visitors enjoyed some light refreshments.

They also had a chance to speak to headmaster Douglas Robb, head of Bellan Karen Lentink and various members of the academic staff who were also available to answer questions.

Mrs Lentink: "Open days are traditionally well supported by current parents and it is always a delight to meet families visiting us for the first time."

Daredevil jumps in memory of friend

A TEENAGER from Ellesmere has fulfilled a dream and jumped out of a plane in memory of a friend who died suddenly last year.

Harry Whitehouse completed a skydive to raise money for the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) after his friend Matthew Dewhurst collapsed and died in July.

The 17-year-old is studying electrical engineering at Shrewsbury College and was a pupil at Ellesmere College when his friend collapsed at a rugby training session.

Matthew died from Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome and his family have since been campaigning to raise awareness of the condition and collect funds for CRY.

Harry took on the tandem skydive from 10,000ft over Tilstock Parachute Centre, near Whitchurch, last month. So far he has raised about £2,600. The boys had known each other since they were 11 and, despite being in different school years, played under 13 and under 15 rugby together.

Harry was supported on the day by his parents Jo and Pete and Matthew's mum Sue Dewhurst, who went to watch.

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AN Oswestry based firm which was crowned Young Business of the Year at this year's Oswestry & Chronicle Business Awards is going from strength to strength.

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Staff are still on a high after being crowned winners at the Chronicle awards earlier this month, the latest in a list of achievements for the company.

The firm was established in 2009 by Gary W. Robinson, a toolmaker by trade with over 25 years in the engineering industry

It is run by its two directors, Gary Robinson and Jude Robinson and employs people from the local area

Jude said: "We are a world-wide distributor of fasteners e.g. metric, BA, BSW, BSF, UNC and UNF nuts, bolts, screws, threaded bar etc."

"We are a manufacturer of special fasteners and precision components and some of our customers have included other fasteners companies; luxury cars; 3D printers; steam engines for model boats; chemical reactors; and for other high precision engineering companies."

"In March 2013 we moved from Llanfyllin to expand our business into much larger premises in Oswestry, namely Unit 1 Weston Farm. It is a workshop environment however people are welcome and do come to visit us for their fastener and manufacturing needs."

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In November 2012, the company's profile was significantly raised after it was recognised by Theo Paphitis, of Dragon's Den fame, for his Small Business Sunday Twitter initiative.

Jude added: "We sponsor Extreme Events Europe, a world record breaking Monster Truck touring stunt show. They tour around the UK and the world and they recently put on shows in Telford and Shrewsbury."

"We attended the Oswestry & Border Chronicle's Business Awards in May 2013 and we are extremely proud to have been announced the winners of Young Business of the Year."



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in brief

Poultry event for the adult learners

THE feathers will be flying when Oswestry Library hosts a poultry keeping event to celebrate Adult Learners' Week.

Andy Cawthray, of Chicken Street, will be the guest speaker at Cooped Up! on May 25, a free event designed to tell people all they need to know about keeping poultry.

Mr Cawthray runs Chicken Street with his wife in rural Shropshire breeding chickens and growing peat-free perennials.

The Cooped Up! Event starts at 2pm. Spaces are limited and can be booked by calling (01691) 677388.

Table top sale to aid NSPCC group

MEMBERS of the Llanyfyllin and Bwlch-y-cibau NSPCC local committee are organising a spring fair and table top sale.

It will be held at Llansantffraid Village Hall on Saturday.

Anyone wishing to book one of the few remaining stalls at a cost of £5 should contact Colleen Williams on (01691) 828396.

Grass gardening

GARDENING With Grasses will be the topic for guest speaker Jill Cawthray at Trefonen Gardening Club's meeting tonight (Thursday). The meeting is in the village hall at 7.30pm. Visitors £2 and members £1.

Councillors reject plans for hospital workers' housing

COUNCILLORS have gone against their own planning officers' advice and rejected plans for a housing development which would have helped provide homes for key workers from Oswestry's orthopaedic hospital.

Planning officers had recommended granting outline permission to build up to 15 houses, including several affordable homes, at The Tilings in Whittington Road, Gobowen. But members of Shropshire Council's north planning committee rejected the bid by applicant Mrs Sarah Jones, saying the plans went against housing policy.

by Iain St John

Children hone leadership skills

CHILDREN from an Oswestry school have been honing their leadership skills by taking part in a pioneering sports programme.

Youngsters from Oswestry's Marches School, The Lakelands School at Ellesmere, Baschurch's Corbet School and Thomas Adams School at Wem took part in a Lawn Tennis Association mini tennis leaders course.

The course was organised by the North Shropshire Leadership Academy, which aims to develop opportunities for young people in Shropshire to get together, share experiences and undertake specialised leadership training.

The academy, coordinated by Duncan Settingington, extended schools manager at the Lakelands School, involves each secondary school selecting five young leaders to represent their school.

Throughout the school year, leaders will attend a number of training days, of which the tennis course was the latest.

They said the application would lead to 'sporadic, unsustainable development'.

And the councillors ruled that the proposed application site would 'result in a form of development which is not in keeping with the context and character of the immediate area'. The committee had been urged to approve the plans even though in December they refused an identical bid.

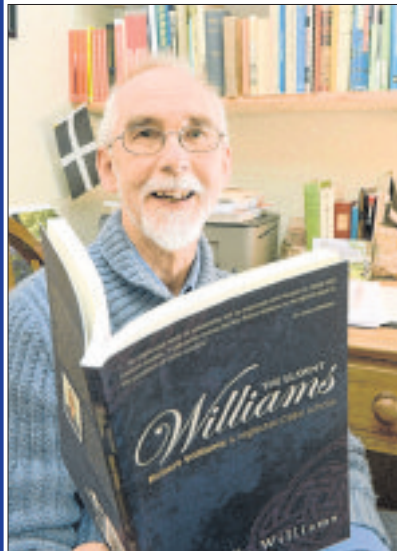
A report from planning officers explained the bid had been resubmitted after an announcement in February that Shropshire Council has a shortfall in the five-year supply of housing land. The shortfall means a number of policies relating to housing supply are now considered to be out of date and the key planning issue is now whether proposed developments are in a 'sustainable' location rather than whether they are within a defined development boundary.

The officers' report said that under the new policy arrangements, the application was acceptable despite objections.

A planning statement said homes on the new site could be used by key workers from the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital and students at the specialist Derwen College.

The statement said: "The affordable housing element will provide much needed accommodation for local residents, key workers from the nearby orthopaedic hospital, the elderly and for disabled students from the Derwen College at an affordable level of rent."

Book charts life of scholar



Derek Williams, from Oswestry, with his new book.

AN Oswestry librarian has written a book exploring life in the area in the mid-19th century.

Derek Williams's work is illustrated with old postcards of Rhydygroesau, near Oswestry, as well as photographs of places and people associated with Celtic scholar Robert Williams.

'Williams, the Llawnt' is the first biography of Robert Williams, who was born in Conwy in 1810 and spent most of his working life as a rural clergyman and private tutor at Rhydygroesau.

He was the author of the first Cornish dictionary.

The book, published by Y Lolfa, gives a vivid picture of life in the north Wales Marches in the mid-19th century.

Mr Williams, who has lived and worked in Oswestry for many years, said: "I published an early article about Robert Williams and his Lexicon Cornu-Britannicum, the first Cornish dictionary, in the Rhydygroesau History Group magazine and I couldn't believe how little else was written about him."

Seeking helpers for young families

A FAMILY support organisation is looking for more volunteers to help with its work in North Shropshire.

Home-Start North Shropshire & Oswestry is a registered charity and is recruiting new volunteers to work with and support families with young children in their own homes.

The group's next training course to prepare volunteers to work with the charity will take place today (Thursday).

Georgina Faye Griffiths, from the charity, said: "Volunteers visit families on a weekly basis in order to befriend them and offer practical help and support."

"You would not be an unpaid childminder or home help but a valued friend at a time when families need that bit of extra support."

"An extra pair of hands or a listening ear can make all the difference to families experiencing difficulties, for example multiple births."

"There are always families waiting for your help and support and we would very much like to hear from you if you think this could be you. We need caring, understanding people with parenting experience who have a few hours each week to spare. We will also pay any out of pocket expenses you incur by offering this valuable help."

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Parish hall plant sale raises cash for charity



At the sale and auction are Margaret Thrower, plant expert Richard Lucas and Halls auctioneer Andrew Beeston.



Looking through the plants at Welshampton Parish Hall.

by **Graham Breeze**

AN ANNUAL plant fair has raised a record amount for charity after selling more than 1,000 plants.

The event at Welshampton Parish Hall raised £6,500 for Shropshire Macmillan Cancer Support and St Michael and All Angels Church in Welshampton, near Ellesmere.

About 300 people poured into Welshampton Parish Hall to discover rare plants and get their hands on speciality shrubbery.

The event raised £6,500 for Shropshire

Macmillan Cancer Support and St Michael and All Angels Church in Welshampton.

The plants were specially grown or donated by private national collection holders, nurseries and leading plant specialists across north Shropshire and the Cheshire border such as Wollerton Old Hall Gardens, near Market Drayton, and the Cholmondeley Estate, close to Malpas near Whitchurch.

Organiser Gillian Eleftheriou said it was a wonderful day. She said: "We are absolutely delighted, it was fantastic. Last year we raised £5,600 so it is a massive increase and a surprise, I am so grateful."

Among the prime collection were plants with a link to singers Elvis Presley and Kim Wilde.

A Hosta plant originating from the garden of Elvis's Graceland mansion went under the hammer. Its parent plant had resided by the swimming pool of Elvis's Graceland mansion.

Award-winning garden designer Richard Lucas was at the fair giving out advice to visitors along with Shropshire's gardening guru Margaret Thrower. There were also cake and refreshment stalls. The event has collected more than £25,000 for charities over the past seven years and organisers are busy counting the pennies from last week's successful event.



Macmillan fundraiser Helen Knight, front, and Halls auctioneer Andrew Beeston, back left, with Welshampton Plant Fair committee members Geoff Barrow, Gillian Webster, second right and Gill Eleftheriou.

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Waggoners Cottage, Pontfaen, near Chirk, is a delightfully situated detached character cottage that has been sympathetically extended. With countryside views, good-sized gardens, a paddock, driveway and two garages, the two-bedroom property is for sale through Richmond Harvey for offers around £252,000 no chain. The entrance porch has slate flooring and stonework, and the living room is full of character with ceiling beams, inglenook fireplace with

an oak beam, Clearview multi-fuel stove, bread oven, slate hearth and exposed stonework. The dining room features ceiling beams and a brick fireplace with stone hearth. From the living room is a step down to the kitchen/breakfast room with built-in dishwasher, quarry tiled floor and glazed display cabinet. There is also a utility, wet room with wash basin, wc and electric shower, and a garden room with exposed stonework.

Upstairs are two bedrooms, both with access to roof space, and a wc with wash basin. The property has oil-fired central heating throughout. The attractive gardens have superb countryside views towards Chirk Castle and include lawns, a flagged patio, pond, summerhouse, two sheds, vegetable garden, chicken houses and an elevated paddock to the rear. For more details call Richmond Harvey on 01691 777879 or visit www.richmondharvey.com



Well-presented semi in pleasant village position

Number 2 Elbridge, Ruyton-XI-Towns, between Oswestry and Shrewsbury, is a well-presented semi-detached cottage with an attractive rural outlook to both the front and rear.

The three-bedroom property is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole priced at £174,500 with no chain.

It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room with Habitat units, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, gravelled parking for three vehicles, and south-facing rear garden with a shed.

For further information contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01743 247755 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk



Detached family home has good-sized garden

In a pleasant rural position, Julohn, 2 Bryngwilla, Rhyn Lane, in the village of St Martins, near Oswestry, is a three-bedroom family house with the opportunity for further improvement.

The detached property is on the market with JJ Dell & Co at a guide price of £249,500.

With gas-fired central heating, double glazing and secondary double glazing, the accommodation comprises a reception hall, sitting room, living room, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garaging and a good-sized garden.

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- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Garage & Parking
- Corner Plot
- Current EPC Rating D

Whitefriars, Oswestry
Price: £149,950
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An immaculate executive style family home overlooking parkland situated in a quiet residential area. This property is in excellent decorative order throughout and has been improved by the current owners to provide a most comfortable family home.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Double Garage & Parking
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Kingfisher Way, Morda
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Cae-Twm, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen
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This charming village cottage which dates back to 1650 offers charm and character in each room.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
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Old Bradford Cottage, Knockin
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A charming, distinctive and unique detached cottage offering immaculately presented accommodation benefiting from panoramic views of the Tanat Valley and surrounding countryside.

- 2/3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
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White House, Kinnerley
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A well appointed two bedroom semi detached home situated in a courtyard location in this popular residential area of town.

- 2 Bedroom
- Conservatory
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- Garden
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Cabin Lane, Oswestry
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A well designed executive family home offering spacious accommodation which is in excellent decorative order

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
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Alma Close, West Felton
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NO CHAIN




This immaculate 1930's three bedroom semi detached family home offers spacious accommodation and is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location.

- 3 Bed (2 Double)
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
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Oak Drive, Oswestry
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- Countryside Views
- Current EPC Rating F

Brook House, Oswestry
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Dating back to 1860 this DETACHED family home offers spacious accommodation.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Countryside Walks
- Oil Central Heating
- Character Features
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Peach Tree House, Monfa, Llansilin
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This three bedroom detached bungalow sits centrally in a generous size plot with large conservatory, workshops, ample parking and mature gardens.

- 3 Bedroom & Attic Room
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- There is a large well stocked garden to the front, a large gravelled parking area and Double Garage Block. An extensive enclosed Patio area being an ideal outdoor entertainment area with views across open countryside. EPC Rating

**NEW****Weston Road
Oswestry****£135,000**

- A deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property situated in the popular village of Morda
- The property is set within a large corner plot with a large tarmac driveway providing ample off-road parking and access to the rear of the property.
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Lounge, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
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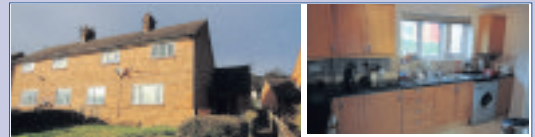
- A superbly appointed Detached Family House situated in an ideal location within walking distance of the centre of the popular village of Weston Rhyn which has a host of facilities and amenities including the Shropshire Union Canal
- Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Family Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Bedroom Four/Study
- Large private gardens and ample off road parking. uPVC Double Glazing & Oil central heating. EPC Rating D

**Weston
Nr Oswestry****£425,000****NO CHAIN**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a Grade II Listed Mill which has been sympathetically converted to create a spacious home. The property boasts excellent views over its own Mill Pond and the countryside beyond
- Through careful design and craftsmanship the current owners have created a spacious and modern living accommodation which preserves the character of this iconic building and retains a host of original features including a working water wheel and some of the original workings
- Outside the property has picturesque gardens set around the extensive Mill Pond which provides an idyllic backdrop for this stunning property

**NEW - NO CHAIN****Vyrnwy Road
Oswestry****£119,950**

- A well appointed Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow situated close to the town centre of Oswestry with a good size terraced garden to the rear
- The property has been maintained to the highest of standards. Entrance Hall, Fully Fitted Kitchen (with appliances where stated), Lounge, Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms, Shower Room. The property also benefits from uPVC double glazing, Gas C/H together with a tarmac driveway and carport. The property is also on the local town service bus route. EPC Rating

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Morda****£147,000**

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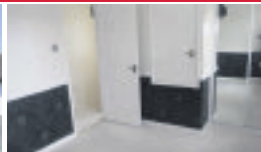


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- 27th June 2013
- Detached Cottage

- Two Reception Rooms
- Character Property
- Village Location

Guide price £75,000

OSWESTRY



- Modern Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
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- No Chain. EPC D
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- Off Road Parking

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- Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory
- Viewing Recommended

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- Two/ three Bedrooms

- EPC Rating F
- Extensive Garden Grounds
- Edge of village location

Guide price £150,000

CHIRK



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- Three Bedrooms
- Ample off Road Parking

- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Offers over £150,000

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- Gardens to Rear & Side

- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing
- No Chain

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- Detached Family Homes
- Two Reception Rooms

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- EPC Rating D

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- Potential for Renovation

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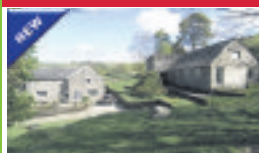


- Detached Character Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Rural Location. EPC F

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PANDY



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- Many Original Features

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Period residence includes outbuildings and large garden

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End of terrace cottage in lovely position overlooking river

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- Lounge
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- En-Suite
- Terraced Garden
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- costume jewellery

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Humble

In 1971 a company called Seventh Heaven was formed by husband and wife team Jerry and Meryl Butler to sell brass and iron beds.

From the humble beginnings of a market stall at weekends in London, they left their steady teaching and a nursing job and balanced raising a young family with building up the business.

The business flourished at Chirk Mill and became renowned nationally and internationally for fine antique beds in all styles, along with top quality mattresses, bed linen and bedding.

Sadly, in 2008 Seventh Heaven became one of the first victims of the recession.

But soon after came the birth of its successor, Divine Dreams, which was



One of the stylish beds on offer at Divine Dreams at Chirk.

started by another husband and wife team, Tony and Tracy Butler.

Tony was general manager of Seventh Heaven for 10 years, after joining fresh-faced from university in 1994.

At first it was like going back in time with Tony and Tracy now having to sell their house to raise the funds. With the country in deep recession and demand for antique beds at an all time low, times were hard, especially balancing raising a family of four children with working seven days a week.

Gradually the business has picked

up, helped in no small part by the loyalty Seventh Heaven's customers.

Over the coming years a small team of employees joined Divine Dreams - key amongst them Jackie Harold, who had been there for 30 years.

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Antiques dealer's tips on pieces picked up

"I HAVE now been open in Oswestry for six months and a very interesting six months it has been," says Roy of R. Anthony Antiques.

"Trading has been a little inconsistent being about as predictable as the weather, though like the weather business does seem to be improving.

"I have always been an enthusiastic buyer and have been lucky enough to have purchased some extremely interesting pieces during recent weeks.

"In the furniture line I have in stock the most wonderful Rosewood Inlaid Chiffonier, circa 1900, a beautiful piece in superb condition.

Acquisitions

"Other recent acquisitions of note include a very early 17th century mushroom-lidded bed warming pan. Usually only to be seen in a museum or a book this is a great rarity, it is fascinating to think that it was first used over 300 years ago.

"At the other end of the spectrum and from the late 19th century is this wonderful piece of English Majolica, manufactured by one of the Staffordshire potteries specially for W Broughton, Duke Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

"A very rare tea pot in the form of a Three Legged Jack Tar sitting astride a coil of rope and holding a furred union jack.

"On his collar he displays the 'three legs of man' while embossed



R Anthony Antiques in Oswestry – constantly looking for new stock.

onto the underside of the base is the name of the retailer, W Broughton etc.

"What a great find and as with any of these pieces, a great investment for the future.

"It is worthy of note that investment in antiques is a growing trend and it's not difficult to see why. Average prices are much lower than have been for many years enabling the shrewd buyer to put money into

pieces that will only increase in value and at a rate higher than can be achieved in the more conventional areas of investment.

"Definitely a great time to buy!

"Meanwhile, We are constantly looking for new stock and will pay top prices for antiques, jewellery, scrap gold and silver, watches and clocks and all things military. Medals, swords, bayonets and old guns always wanted."

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Vintage boutique aims to tempt style conscious



The Bryn-Y-Grog antiques centre can be found alongside the neo-classical architectural gem, Bryn-Y-Grog Hall. NESTLING alongside Bryn-Y-Grog Hall, a mid-18th century neo-classical architectural gem, is Bryn-Y-Grog antiques centre.

Established 11 years ago, it has grown from strength to strength, now boasting over 40 independent dealers selling a vast range of goods including: Glass, china, giftware, paintings, clocks, jewellery, lighting, old persian

rugs, bric-a-brac and furniture dating from the seventeenth century to retro and modern.

Selling

One dealer has lovely old garden tools and all sorts of related gardening requirements.

There is also a D.I.Y section and a large timber department selling hand

and soft woods at prices hard to beat.

On the parkland in front of the hall there are regular weekend events including car boot sales, horse events, circuses, and caravan club rallies.

There is nearly always some activity. The atmosphere is relaxed, friendly and welcoming.

We boast that the only day of the year we are closed is Christmas Day.

HARLEY'S vintage boutique is a new edition to the beautiful town of Llangollen. This colourful shop is located in what used to be the Old Forge, down on Dee Lane alongside the river.

Once inside you will discover a fine selection of vintage and designer clothing for men and women, antiques and collectables.

The treasury of vintage garments to choose from for women includes a whole range of dresses from the 1960s through to the 1990s, Levi denim jackets, Levi denim shorts, unique blouses and tops, blazers, Welsh woollen capes, furs, footwear and gorgeous accessories.

Handbags

You will find a good selection of vintage skin handbags, handmade satchels and bags alongside a selection of beautiful marcasite silver jewellery.

For the men there is a large range of Harris Tweed blazers, traditional and quirky shirts, Levis, Barbour's, vintage B3 flying jackets, Burberry trench coats and stylish motorcycle leathers.

Harley's Vintage Boutique is also a stockist of 'Pop Boutique' clothing which is a vintage inspired range of new and re-worked clothing for men and women.

This range is particularly popular with the younger generation spe-



Have fun browsing through the extensive collections at Harley's vintage boutique in Llangollen.

cialises in bringing a modern touch to vintage fashion styles.

Alongside the unique selection of vintage clothing you will find everything from leather boots, furs and retro curtains to vintage football programmes dating back to the 1960s.

Throughout the boutique there are fine pieces of antique furniture dating back to the 19th century, dressed with

fine bone china tea seats, vintage homeware, kitchenware, sewing accessories and gifts for all occasions.

The true vintage atmosphere is completed with the classic sound of vinyl; there is a healthy record collection to flick through, play and enjoy reminiscing to.

A very warm welcome is waiting for you at Harley's Vintage Boutique.

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Outside in the courtyard we have a selection of things for the garden including cast iron tables and chairs.

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Rural retreat on village outskirts offers far-reaching views

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On the market for offers in the region of £199,995, it has an entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, sun room/dining room, lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom, oil-fired central heating, hardwood double glazing, gardens, two garages and a driveway.

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Three-bedroom bungalow looks towards Rodney's Pillar

Having far-reaching rooftop views to the rear towards Rodney's Pillar, 14 Hillside, Pant, is a delightfully located three-bedroom bungalow. With double glazing and oil central heating it is on the market for offers around £185,000. It has a reception hall, large living room/dining room, very large conservatory, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom with wc, front garden, driveway parking, garage and a very good sized rear garden. The property also has access via an adjacent bridle path to a nature reserve.

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Offers in Region of £339,950

Llyncllys, Shropshire



A most interesting conversion of an old Victorian railway station which offers a unique opportunity to purchase a spacious and flexible detached 4 bedroom village residence which enjoys extensive gardens and a detached garage. Truly a one off purchase!

Offers in Region of £304,950



Penybonfawr, Powys

Enjoying a delightful rural location with fine views over the surrounding countryside, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most well appointed and spacious 4 bedroom detached country property to the market which enjoys a generous plot with dingle and stream. The accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Utility, Lounge, Dining Room, Attractive Re-Fitted Kitchen, Side Porch, First Floor Landing, Four Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Detached Double Garage, Workshop and Two Driveways providing ample off-road parking. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £287,000



Oak Drive, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant corner plot position within this popular residential locality, Richmond Harvey Properties are favoured with instructions to market this tastefully improved 3 bedroom mature semi detached family house to the market which briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Side Porch, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central heating, Gardens to Front, Side and Rear, Driveway and Garage. No Chain.

Offers in Region of £174,950



Perry View, Gobowen

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this most well appointed and deceptively spacious 3 bedroom semi detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location on this established edge of village development. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Spacious Kitchen, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £174,950



Buckingham Close, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this popular residential locality, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most deceptively spacious two bedroom detached bungalow to the market which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Detached Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £167,500



Henley Drive, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant position within this popular residential locality, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most comfortably appointed 3 bedroom modern detached house which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, WC, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Gardens to front and rear, driveway providing ample off-street parking and Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £162,950



Eaton Fields, Oswestry

A tastefully improved modern two bedroom and terraced house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this popular residential locality. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking and Gardens to front and rear. Viewing fully recommended.

Offers in Region of £119,950



Llys Close, Oswestry

Enjoying a pleasant tucked away position off Llys Close cul-de-sac, Richmond Harvey Properties are instructed to sell this extended one bedroom semi detached bungalow which offers scope for improvement yet offers an ideal investment or first time buyer opportunity. For Sale with No Onward Chain.

Offers in Region of £88,000



High Street, Weston Rhyn

Sympathetically improved by the current owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most spacious 3 bedroom period detached village residence believed to date back circa 1900. The property offers excellent family accommodation of a flexible nature to include a reception room leading half to bed and breakfast/pure house potential. Generous Gardens, Two Single Garages and Driveway providing parking for several vehicles. The true extent of the property needs to be viewed to fully appreciate the superb accommodation on offer.

Offers in Region of £359,950



Valley Court, Morda Road

.. PART-EXCHANGE CONSIDERED .. Detached five bedroom Victorian residence which enjoys a truly fabulous edge of town position. The property offers a wealth of character features and also include an Annex. Landscaped Gardens with Sweeping Driveway and Triple Garage.

Guide Price £795,000



Penybontfawr

3/4 bedroom cottage with an attached 1 bedroom self contained annexe offering an ideal investment opportunity and large detached garage/workshop. The property enjoys a delightful riverside setting, generous neatly landscaped gardens and lends itself to bed and breakfast, holiday or long-term rental. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in the Region of £275,000



Llanforda Mead, Oswestry

..HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION.. 3 bedroom detached bungalow with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Driveway, Garage, Summerhouse and Gardens. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £225,000



Pool Quay, Nr Welshpool

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Price Guide £555,000



Gittin Street

Spacious two bedroom mature town house conveniently placed for local amenities and transport links which briefly comprises the following well maintained accommodation: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Generous Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £98,000

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9 South View, Oswestry

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Bower Farm Bungalow, St Martins

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18 Regent Court, Oswestry

£112,950

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Guide Price: £575,000 3061



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A charming detached and highly desirable country property set in approximately 2 1/2 acres of wonderful gardens and grounds alongside the River Tanat. Reception sun room, dining room, sitting room, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cellar, three double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom. Extensive gardens and grounds, detached double garage, log store, timber garden store. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £449,950 2694



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloak lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bedroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000 2858



Kerry, Newtown

A former stone barn superbly converted to provide a detached family home occupying an idyllic rural location. Large landscaped garden with summerhouse, ample parking, garage and annex, stable block, all weather turn out yard and paddocks. Utility, kitchen/dining room, drawing room, family bathroom, sitting room, three bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms. With Planning Permission for a manège and with its location nestled close to a network of bridleways and quiet lanes, would make this an ideal equestrian smallholding. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £425,000 2886



Penygarreg Lane, Pant

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded single extending to approximately 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities. EPC Band: E. PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED

Guide Price: £365,000 2962



Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage set in gardens and grounds of approx 0.8 acre, with self contained annex/garage block suitable for work from home, holiday let and ancillary accommodation. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Annex comprises: kitchen, downstairs bathroom, garage/store, upstairs living area. Wood framed DG, ample parking, summerhouse, greenhouse, stone, polytunnel, good size paved areas for outside dining. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £359,950 2717



Off Cemetery Lane, Guilsfield

An extremely spacious, modern detached family house, with gas CH, uPVC DG, double garage, very large south facing rear garden. Occupying a pleasant and very convenient central village position within short walking distance of amenities, and about three miles north of Welshpool. Large impressive reception hall, cloak/WC, large living room, dining room, family room/study, kitchen, utility room, large landing, five bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom. EPC Band: C

Guide Price: £355,000 2891



Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Bervyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £349,950



Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies a tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees, hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000



Meifod, Powys

An extremely spacious detached house, with oil CH, uPVC DG, large double garaging, ample parking, gardens with balcony style patio enjoying wonderful elevated views. Hallway, large living room, kitchen/dining room, uPVC conservatory, three good size bedrooms, bathroom. On the lower level is a utility room, shower room with WC, three other rooms which currently comprise: bedroom, study and store room but this level could be converted subject to necessary consents into separate annexe. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £275,000 3003



Llandrinio, Llannymynech

An attractive and deceptively spacious detached dormer style house with oil CH, uPVC DG, ample parking, garage, and garden. Occupying a very convenient position in the village, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury. Reception hall, living room, dining room, recently fitted luxury kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ground floor bedroom and bathroom, landing, three further good size bedrooms, and separate WC. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £232,500 2190



Holly View, Forden

An attractive extremely spacious, detached bungalow, enjoying delightful country views, with DG, electric Economy 7 heating, carport, two driveways providing excellent on-site parking and extremely large beautifully laid out gardens. Porch, large study/reception hall, cloakroom with WC, very large L-shaped room/dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, breakfast room, inner hallway, three bedrooms, shower room. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient cul-de-sac position in this popular village, having a wide range of local amenities and being about 4 miles away from Welshpool. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £225,000 3140



Maesbury, Oswestry

A character public house with a family atmosphere and character features. Two lounge bar areas, games room (previously dining area), central bar area, equipped kitchen and store rooms, spacious private accommodation. Large outdoor area with parking for 20 cars, paddock which could be used as beer garden/camping area. Fronting onto Maesbury Road, close to A483 which is a busy thoroughfare, it is free of tie and provides a rare opportunity to purchase a freehold popular public house with scope to expand the business. EPC Band: E. For further details contact 01691 655334.

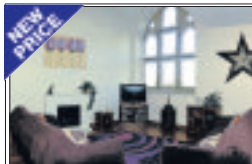
Guide Price: £225,000



Brooklyn Road, Pant

An attractive, deceptively spacious, semi-detached bungalow having oil fired CH, DG, large garage and delightful gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position close to the centre of Pant, within walking distance of a range of local amenities and being about 15 miles from Shrewsbury, and 6 miles from Oswestry. Porch, hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 2, three bedrooms, family bathroom, conservatory and newly fitted bathroom. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £175,000 3131



Carno, Caersws

An immaculately appointed, extremely spacious character conversion of a late Victorian village school (middle one of three), with oil CH, mainly uPVC DG, gravelled front and rear gardens, two official parking spaces. Converted in 2005 it now provides magnificent partly open plan accommodation with vaulted ceiling, arched windows and many other details and refinements. Extremely large living area opening into very large kitchen/dining room, hallway, ground floor bathroom, ground floor double bedroom, landing, double bedroom, en-suite shower room, and third bedroom. EPC Band: C

Guide Price: £169,950 3135



Queens Road, Oswestry

A well presented ground floor apartment, being part of a small select development of just 10 apartments, created from the conversion of the old Queen's Park Girls School. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, well fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and separate bathroom. The property has oil CH, two private parking spaces, and is located in one of Oswestry's most sought after areas being within easy walking distance of both the town centre and local amenities. EPC Band: C

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Lilac Grove, Oswestry

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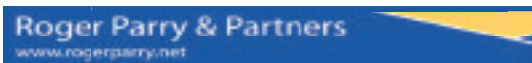
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Deaths

CAMPBELL David Lister

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A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary's Church, Selattyn at 3.30pm on Thursday, May 23.

No flowers please but donations if desired to the Severn Hospice, Shrewsbury SY3 8HS.

NICHOLLS Kent

Passed away on May 5, 2013, aged 47 years. Will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham on Thursday, May 23, at 11am.

Donations if desired to Wakefield Hospice.

All inquiries to
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PAYNTER Glenys Sybil

Passed away peacefully in Appledale Cottage Residential Home, Bagley, near Ellesmere on Monday, May 6, 2013, aged 83 years. Formerly of Ellesmere. Dearly loved Wife of the late Ron, Mum to Lesley and Lynda, Nan to John, Ryan and Kirsty. Dear Sister to Noreen, Alwyn and the late Denzil.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Tuesday, May 21, at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Nightingale House Hospice, Wrexham.

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RODENHURST

Joan (Perc)

Of Welshampton, near Ellesmere. Passed away suddenly on May 3, 2013, aged 82 years. Much loved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Welshampton on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 2pm, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

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VAUGHAN Pamela Ann (Pam)

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Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Whittington on Friday, May 17, at 2.30pm, followed by Interment at Whittington Cemetery.

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Sue, Alison and Families of the late Ivy Faulkner wish to express their sincere thanks to all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for the cards, letters and other kind messages of sympathy, love and prayers received at this sad time.

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Protestors target MP over cuts

A CAMPAIGN group is planning a protest against Government cuts later this month outside North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson's weekly surgery.

Activists from Shropshire Fights Back have already targeted Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski and say they are putting together details for a similar protest against Mr Paterson, the Environment Secretary.

The campaigners are calling for a halt to the Government's programme of austerity cuts.

Jayne McDermott, from Shropshire Fights Back, said: "It will be sometime in May and people who are interested in joining us should contact us through our website at www.shropshirefightsback.org.uk"

Other protests the groups have been involved in recently include demonstrations outside Starbucks coffee house in Shrewsbury over the firm's tax arrangements.

Young speakers at Rotary event

THREE public speakers from Moreton Hall School, near Oswestry, were invited to the Llangollen Rotary Club meeting to recite their debate Dyslexic, not Stupid.

Martha Stewart, 13, Alice Williams, 13, and Isabella Owens, 12, were runners-up in the Rotary Youth Speaks regional final in Preston.

Travellers fail in fight to stay on site near golf club

A TRAVELLER family have lost their long-running battle to be allowed to stay on land near Gobowen.

Gipsy couple Jerry and Michelle Berry had applied for permission to site a chalet and a touring caravan opposite Henlle Park Golf Club.

But Shropshire Council has rejected the application, saying it contravenes planning policy.

The Berry family have been on the site, a former rubbish tip, without planning permission since 2010 and council bosses were forced to slap a stop notice on the land after development took place without approval.

A previous application to establish a travellers' camp was rejected by Shropshire councillors and a planning inspector after it attracted more than 80 objections.

The couple applied again for permission to develop the land and reduced the number of homes and caravans. The second bid attracted more than 20 objections including opposition from members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

Rejected
A report from Shropshire Council planning officers said the second application had now been rejected.

The decision was taken by officers using delegated powers and the application did not go to a planning committee.

The Berrys were unavailable for comment today.

A report from council officers said: "The proposed development would introduce a significant amount of new built development, associated infrastructure and domestic paraphernalia into a rural environment."

"The siting of this development is not considered acceptable on the basis that it is not located within or adjacent to a recognised named settlement."

Councillor David Lloyd, who represents Gobowen on Shropshire Council, said he was pleased the refusal decision had been taken because of the large scale public opposition to it.

by Graham Breeze

Crew's kit will tackle fuel spills

FIREFIGHTERS have been kitted out with new equipment to help them tackle call-outs involving pollution.

Four of the brigade's four-wheel drive vehicles are being kitted out by the Environment Agency with specialist tools to help them deal with fuel and chemical spills.

Also a new Toyota Hilux - dubbed an Environmental Protection Unit - has been provided jointly by the agency and the brigade.

All fire engines in Shropshire are kitted with an environmental grab pack to help firemen deal with leaks, spillages and chemicals. But the new Hilux will be able to absorb oil and 'polyboom' which opens up and forms an impenetrable dam to deflect slurry or chemicals.

The new vehicle and extra equipment for Shropshire is part of a national project to equip all UK fire and rescue services.

Vineyard toasts cash boost



Geoff and June Ferguson toast the success of their venture at Vale of Kerry Vineyard.

A VINEYARD near Welshpool is celebrating after securing grant funding from Defra.

The grant is part of Defra's Rural Economy Fund and has been awarded to the newly-established Kerry Vale Vineyard at Churchstoke on the Shropshire/Powys border. The business was started in 2010 by Geoff and June Ferguson.

Set up to boost tourism and other rural enterprises, the Rural Economy Grant (REG) covers up to 40 per cent of funding and will be used by Kerry Vale Vineyard to build a shop and visitor centre, from which tours will be run and wine sold. The remaining costs will be matched privately.

Mr Ferguson said: "This funding is fantastic as it coincides with our first year of wine production."

"It will enable us to build a cellar door shop on the vineyard, which we hope to open this summer so visitors can sample and learn about English wine and find out about the rich history of the land where the vineyard is situated."

Canalside craft tips shared at care home

OLDER people in residential homes and day centres will this month be learning more about the crafts that were practised along the Montgomery Canal.

The Montgomeryshire Museums' Education and Access Service was awarded a grant from the Age Cymru Gwanwyn Festival of the Arts for Older People in Wales.

The money will pay for free creative workshops based on the traditional arts and crafts of the Montgomery Canal for older adults throughout May.

The 10 residential care homes and day centres that have taken up the offer will be able to take part in workshops created and organized by Sara Metcalf, Education and Access Officer based at Powysland Museum.

She said that the workshops use old photographs and real and replica artefacts from the canal.

"Through sharing memories participants will be encouraged to create arts and crafts inspired by the traditions of the canal workers such as lace making, spider web embroidery and crochet, rag rugs, ribbon plates, horse brasses and the 'Castles and Roses' painted decorative work."

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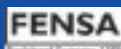
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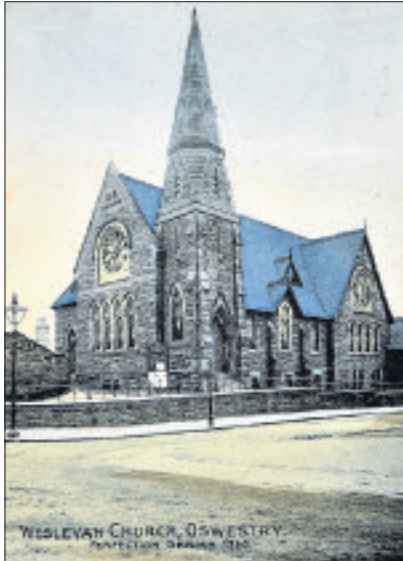
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Church memories



The Wesleyan Church postcard.

HERE'S the Wesleyan Church at Oswestry as seen in a postcard which was franked in the town on December 27, 1909.

The message on the back of the postcard (loaned by collector Ray Farlow) reads: "My dear Riddie, Was intending to write to you today but it took enue (?? difficult to read - perhaps it's meant to be enough) time to write to your mater (?). And as I had other matters, the time seems to have sped too quickly. I will write to you tomorrow."

"Preached here yesterday. I didn't enjoy it vy (?) much. But they all say I had a fine time."

"The folk were uncannily attentive at night. I shall probably come to M'bro a week on Saturday so I shall soon be with you. Hope you've had a lovely Xmas. I am on with my 3rd book since coming home. Best love 3-4 Harold (that's what the writer's final line looks like)."

It was posted to Miss Barnard, Cambridge Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

Was mysterious canopy just to shelter film fans?

by Toby Neal

WE know our readers always like to have the chance to solve a little mystery, so here's another opportunity for those who know their Oswestry of yesteryear to do some sleuthing.

This photo has been e-mailed in by John Powell of Oswestry who says: "I have come across a picture with a small mystery in it. It is of New Street, Oswestry, in 1934. In the picture, on the left is the old Market Hall. On the right, beyond the shops with the sun blinds, is the cinema called The Kings at that time. Beyond the archway is a public house which is presently a nightclub and was previously called The Grapes."

"The mystery is this - what was the canopy roof-like structure between the market hall and the cinema?"

"This canopy was removed when the market hall was demolished to make room for the Woolworths store to be built, which I think was in the 1970s. I remember the canopy as it was useful for keeping cinema patrons dry while waiting for the cinema to open in rainy weather."

"Part of the market hall remains with access from The Cross and now occupied by Edinburgh Woollen Mills shop. The underneath of the canopy was open - that is, no floor - and appeared as a series of timber trusses."

So there you are, guantlet thrown down, to which we might add another - does anybody know why there's such a big crowd in the photo? Or would be the normal-sized crowd that you could expect to gather in this spot to go to the flicks, or whatever? Drop us a line if you can help.



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Cash will support families after split

FOUR hundred separated parents in Mid Wales are set to benefit from extra support to help them work together for the sake of their children.

A total of £138,000 of new funding has been awarded to the Powys-based charity Resolve Cymru.

The charity, which is one of only two organisations in Wales to benefit from the funding, will provide parenting classes, mentoring and counselling for separated parents, whose relationship has broken down.

They will include fathers who have lost contact with their children, very young parents, offenders, homeless parents and people receiving help for substance misuse.

Philippa Frost from Resolve Cymru said: "This project will help parents living in isolated communities through what can be one of the most isolating experiences of all."

"We'll provide tailored assistance to help mums and dads in difficult situations overcome barriers and find sustainable and workable solutions for themselves and their children."

Work and Pensions Minister Steve Webb said: "Research shows children fare better if parents work together."

A network of telephone services offering support will also be available.

Village curate led field in nature observations

ON THE WILD SIDE

with Ben Waddams



ASK someone on the street to come up with a 'famous naturalist' and many will likely plump for Charles Darwin, Sir David Attenborough or, as Bill Bailey would wish, Alfred Russel Wallace.

Some may go down a different vein and mention the classic storytellers such as Beatrix Potter and Kenneth Grahame.

The list is, happily, a long one, but there was one British naturalist in particular whose commitment to close observation of the mundane and everyday in nature – what we would now call 'field study' – was pioneering and who inspired Darwin, Wallace and of whom Kenneth Grahame wrote fondly; Gilbert White.

White (1720-1793) was the curate of the village of Selborne in Hampshire. He was a fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, a farmer in a very small way, and a passionate gardener. From an early age he was fascinated by nature and recorded his observations.

Philosophers

In later life he began to correspond with several prominent 'natural philosophers' and these letters were eventually edited and compiled in a book, *The Natural History of Selborne* (1789). It has never been out of print since its publication and established the genre of nature-writing in English.

The book is filled not just with observations and field notes, but with interesting ideas concerning the attraction of wildlife to one's home. In early May 1787, White wrote: "My Bror. Thomas White nailed-up several large scallop shells under the eaves of his house at South Lambeth, to see if the house-martins would build in them."

These conveniences had not been fixed half an hour, before several pairs settled upon them; and, expressing great complacency, began to build immediately. The shells were nailed on horizontally with the hollow side upward; and should, I



Swallow – acrylic on board – by Ben Waddams.

think, have a hole drilled in their bottoms to let off moisture from driving rains."

I haven't tried the scallop tip myself, but I assume it would still work rather well. However, keeping with a house martin theme, his observations; or rather, his assumptions, were occasionally less accurate. In early November of the same year he wrote: "Four swallows were seen skimming about in a lane below Newton. This circumstance seems much in favour of hiding, since the martins and swallows seemed to be withdrawn for some weeks. It looks as if the soft weather had called them out of their retirement."

This made it clear that Gilbert White assumed house martins and their kin behaved rather like bats, showing little or

no signs of activity during chillier days and returning to the skies when the warmth returned. But what about winter?

Hibernation. White assumed that swallows and house martins, as well as swifts all hibernated in caves, somewhere in the nearby countryside. He was perfectly aware that other species of bird did indeed migrate but not these ones. Why so?

Well it seems that Gilbert White simply enjoyed the presence of these birds so much that he loved the idea of them sleeping peacefully "300 yards from the village". Wishful thinking does not marry well with 'scientific evidence', but it can nonetheless be rather charming at times.

Ben's wildlife prints can be seen in the Gallery Tearooms, Princess Street, Shrewsbury.

Postcard contest call made to pupils

OSWESTRY pupils have the chance to show how proud they are of their local area in a national competition.

They are being invited to design their own postcards showing off landmarks and places of interest or beauty in the Oswestry area.

The best entries from Oswestry will compete nationally to have their designs printed up as proper postcards.

The Pride of Place Pupils' Postcards competition is open to children from four to 16 years of age.

The competition is being launched by SchoolStickers.co.uk, which is the UK's biggest provider of motivational products for school children.

Managing director Neil Hodges is hoping for a great response from Oswestry pupils. He says: "This is a chance for Oswestry pupils to show off the best bits of their area. The design of the postcard is up to them, whether it's a great drawing, collage or photo. And the landmarks they choose can be somewhere less-known nationally but important locally, perhaps a great building, amazing view or somewhere of historic interest."

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Day 2: A trip to the Victorian town of Ventnor then on to the famous 'Needles' at **Alum Bay** ending the day in picture postcard **Godshill** including a **cream tea at the Old Smithy**.

Day 3: Trip to **Newport**, in the afternoon we visit England's largest **wine vineyard** with plenty of samples!!

Day 4: There's so much to see and do in Sandown, today free so you can explore at your own pace.

Day 5: A last breakfast before we set off for home.

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History brought to life by your fascinating guide on the tour of The Houses of Parliament. The next day we see the refurbishment of Kensington Palace.



Look what's included...

Day 1: Coach on Saturday morning as we travel to London. Time for lunch etc before our pre-booked guided tour of the Houses of Parliament at 4pm. The fascinating insight lasts about 1½ hours. The coach will be waiting for you after the tour to take you to the hotel at Heathrow.

Day 2: After breakfast we leave the hotel for our visit to Kensington Palace in the heart of London. Explore the new gardens, shop, café and terrace as well as four redesigned visitor routes revealing the Queen Victoria exhibition. Then time at Covent Garden before we leave for home.

We stay at the following hotels all within easy reach of central London; Thistle Heathrow, Jury's Inn Heathrow, Holiday Inn Heathrow and several others of similar standard at busy times. Your stay includes ensuite room with full facilities and breakfast.

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Look what's included...

Day 1: Coach this morning, with a stop on route, we should arrive in Knightsbridge early afternoon the coach will set down close to Harrods so you can enjoy the shops of Knightsbridge for a few hours and have lunch. Later we go on to our hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2: Breakfast, then we visit Buckingham Palace, the State Rooms are lavishly furnished with some of the greatest treasures from the Royal Collection - paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens and Poussin and exquisite examples of Sèvres porcelain; and some of the finest English and French furniture. Visitors end their tour with a walk along the south side of the garden, with splendid views of the Palace and the famous lake.

After the Palace we board our coach for Covent Garden, a myriad of unusual shops and traders and of course the famous street entertainers. We leave London around 3pm and arrive home mid-evening.

Price includes: coach travel, hotel, full breakfast & entrance to Buckingham Palace. Single Supp £20

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GIG GUIDE

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Great week full of music for gig-goers

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts



ALL of you audiophiles are in for another great week of music this week, with plenty of quality acts worth checking out.

Kicking things off are Canadian country/folk duo Dustin Bental and Kendel Carson, who will be performing at The Ironworks tonight (Thursday).

After joining forces in 2011 the pair have been turning heads with their soulful songs, soaked in traditional folk and roots music.

If you like Bob Dylan or Neil Young then you'll feel right at home with these two, as their influence shines through.

Dustin handles the acoustic guitar and harmonica while Kendel impresses with some fantastic fiddle playing. Both take care of the vocals, resulting in some great harmonies.

The pair eschew the traditional country writing tropes, opting for more original lyrics tinged with a fun sense of humour.

The gig starts at 8pm, with tickets £5 in advance and £7 on the door.

Paul Wallis and Sam Newth will be performing at the Lowfield Inn, Marton, on Friday night.

Equipped with his old Fender Stra-



Canadian duo Kendel Carson and Dustin Bental.

toaster, his playing is reminiscent of greats like Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck. Sam takes care of backing duties on his trusty acoustic guitar, with both handling the vocals.

The pair play a variety of covers ranging from the music of Mark Knopfler to Jimi Hendrix, with a healthy dollop of slide guitar and harmonica thrown in for good measure.

The gig starts at 8pm and is free. Tomorrow night the Royal Oak will play host to music group Synergy.

Formed in 2009 the trio plays a mixture of flamenco, classical and other Mediterranean music.

You can expect a lively set coupled with superb musicianship. To complement the Mediterranean theme, the Oak will be serving cocktails and tapas. The event starts at 9pm and is free entry.

JJAM will be presenting an evening of live music at The Ironworks on Saturday night.

The event will feature three acts, all selected for their exciting shows. Performing will be Fireroad, String the Marionette and Indigo Sky.

Headline act Fireroad is the new band of former Stereophonics guitarist Stuart Jones. They play straight forward rock, reminiscent of the Foo Fighters or Gaslight Anthem.

Support act, String the Marionette play alt rock with an edgy twist, while Indigo Sky are indie/pop act. The gig starts at 8pm with tickets costing £5.

To finish off the weekend, The Chicago Swing Katz will be holding another of their jazz lunches at The Ironworks on Sunday.

It starts at 12.30pm and entry will cost £4.



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Murder mystery coming to village hall



Pictured are Barbara Harris as Marian Faithless and Pauline Rhodes as Kitty Killer during rehearsals.

MEMBERS of Llanymynech Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) take to the stage again this weekend in a murder mystery and the audience will unmask the killer.

Set in the sixties, Mick Jagged is found dead at his country house just before the guests have dinner. All the celebrity guests have a motive and alibi but one is the murderer. It's up to the audience to unmask the killer.

Rehearsals for the LADS Murder Mystery are now complete and cast members take to the stage at Llanymynech Village Hall tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 and include a welcome drink and a meal served at your table and are available from the village hall, Mile End Tourist Information, The Herbarium, Oswestry and Llanymynech Post Office or by calling (01691) 830558.

Artwork on show at castle

ARTISTS from the Oswestry area will soon have some of their best work on display at an historic property.

Oswestry and District Society of Artists is staging its annual spring exhibition at Chirk Castle later this month.

Carol James, from the group, said: "It is being staged in the old squash court situated just behind the ticket

by Iain St John

officer below the castle. Entrance to the exhibition is free and no entrance fee to castle is needed to view the paintings.

"The car park is close by.

"Last year's show was very successful in this new venue with hundreds of people looking around the many and varied pictures.

"Many were sold and visitors com-

mented on the high standard of work on display.

"Paintings will be handed in on May 24 and the exhibition is open to the public from May 25 to June 7."

Society chairman Sue Humphries said: "We will be delighted to welcome friends old and new to visit the exhibition.

"This venue proved very successful last year and we are hoping to attract even more visitors this time."

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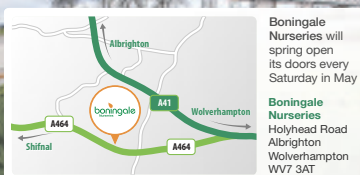


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MARKETS

Welshpool livestock market

May 13

OTMS (82)

An increased entry of 82 over thirty month old cattle sold very well to average 133ppkg for the older cows, 151ppkg for the older bulls, 151ppkg for the younger cows. Heifers and steers sold to average 170ppkg and 189ppkg. E H Pennie & Son Gwern y Ychain sold two limousin cows to a top price of £1588 and £1353.24. A Charolais cow also from E H Pennie & Son achieved £1330.99. A British Blue bull from E M Tilsley Llandinier weighed 1030kg sold for £2193.80. E H Pennie & Son Gwern y Ychain receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. We will be holding a sale for TB Tested over thirty Month cattle from Monday 8th April at 9am in ring 2. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (12)

An entry of 12 fat cattle sold to average 219ppkg for the steers and 213ppkg for the heifers. Evans Brothers sold four Limousin steers to 228ppkg, 222ppkg, 218ppkg and 210ppkg. ED & ER Davies Marton Hall sold three Limousin heifers to 220ppkg, 215ppkg and 220ppkg. Evans Brothers Tynwydd receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle

every Monday commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME HOGGETTS (3866)

An entry of 3866 Prime Hoggets, sold to an overall average of 200ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (310) to 208ppkg from W G Jones Cwmduddan & A I Watkins Maeswynnol. Others to 203ppkg from FG & G Mountford Middle Helder. Average of 185ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (1022) to 209ppkg from FG & G Mountford Middle Helder & A I Watkins Maeswynnol. Others to 206ppkg from FG & G Mountford Middle Helder. Average of 190ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (1188) to 240ppkg from G Ratcliffe Whixall Hall. Others to 235ppkg from Lythwood Sheep Ltd. Average of 211ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (673) to 233ppkg from CJ & LM Davies Lawns Farm. Others to 232ppkg from Lythwood Sheep Ltd. Average of 214ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (227) to 216ppkg from CJ & LM Davies Lawns Farm. Others to 214ppkg from E W Jones & Sons Lower Llanerchydol. Average of 203ppkg.

SPRING LAMBS (1083)

An entry of 1083 spring lambs, selling to an overall average of 268ppkg.

Super Lights (17.5kg to 25kg) (2) to 246ppkg from H Hughes & Son Hendy. Average of 246ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (28) to 300ppkg from Bowen & Bowen Penthrin. Others to 285ppkg from EG & AW Pugh Cefn. Average of 279ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (436) to 332ppkg from J Corfield & Sons Fairfield. Others to 308ppkg from MG & MN Hanselman Knapps Farm. Average of 271ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (586) to 292ppkg from T C Evans Caegwyn. Others to 289ppkg from E J Rowley Penthrin. Average of 266ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (30) to 260ppkg from E R Harris Reith Farm. Others to 257ppkg from H G Ellis & Co Tynwydd. Average of 254ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (1) to 226ppkg from R & R Powell Broniarth. Average of 226ppkg.

CULL EWE (1483)

An entry of 1483 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £49.05 for the ewes and £70.67 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £111 per head from TD & MJ Orrells & Son Middle Lligodig. Top price for the cull rams was £122 per head from TWG Davies Penygraig. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS, COULES & CADE LAMBS.

A small entry of store lambs. Mixed and clean lambs achieved £25 from Thomas Brothers, tup

lambs also achieving £25 from the same home.

An entry of 19 cade lambs achieved a top price of £20 from Messrs Gittins & Co Giants Bank. Achieving a total average of £12.26.

An entry of 600 ewes with lambs achieving an average of 110.45. Top price of £245 was achieved for strong Texel yearling ewes with twin lambs at foot from P I Bowen Glanwytyn. Sale of Store lambs to commence outside at 10.30am, with the ewes and lambs and cade lambs to follow.

COWS & CALVES

A catalogue sale of cows and calves took place at Welshpool Livestock Sale on Monday 13th May. The trade was similar to a week ago with buyers are still very cautious in purchasing due to the lack of grass. D P Evans Moel y Garth sold three Limousin 1st calver with Limousin calves at foot to £1920, £1920 and £1900. E E Powell & Son Cilpentre sold a Limousin 1st Calver with a Limousin bull calf at foot for £1920.

An entry Next Monday of 35 Cows and Calves next Monday to include two Charolais Bulls 3½ year old and 7 year old. Sale to commence at 11.30am.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Thursday 16th May, Sale of Pedigree Limousin, Simmental, Salers and Charolais Cattle.

Saturday 18th May, Machinery Sale at Coed y Dinas.

Monday 20th May, Cows and Calves and Dairy Cows. Monday 27th May, Cows and Calves.

Tuesday 28th May, Store Cattle and Weanlings to inc show potential cattle.

Oswestry cattle auctions

May 8

FAT CATTLE: (64)

A few less cattle forward today met another firmer trade on all types as long as they were meat. Top slots hit 253p for Heifers 235p for Steers and 230p for Bulls. Bottom book of 160p for a friesian bull with highest price of £1512 for a steer and a Heifer. If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

Young Bulls (25) Overall Average 196p.

Light Bulls (1) Selling to 163p (£741/head) from E M Roberts Gyllelog.

Medium Bulls (17) Average 194p (£1010/head) Selling to 230p from A M Jones Middle Farm.

Heavy Bulls (7) Average 205.5p (£1465/head) Selling to 230p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Isa.

Steers (18) Overall Average 209p.

Medium Steers (7) Average 213p (£1145/head) Selling to 229p from D & M G Hughes & Sons Tainymynydd.

Heavy Steers (11) Average 207p (£1325/head) Selling to 235p from P L Harrison Neuaddlwyd.

Heifers (21) Overall Average 223.5p.

Medium Heifers (5) Average 211p (£990/head) Selling to 241p from A M Jones Middle Farm.

Heavy Heifers (16) Average 227p (£1235/head) Selling to 253p from G W & B A Haynes Trefnant Isaf.

Another pleasing day throughout and places keep

the numbers coming. Thank you for your continued support

FAT LAMBS: (252)

Lights to 269p average 268.5p, Standards to 295p average 273.5p, Mediums to 311p average 266p, Heavy's to 241p average 237.5p. Overall average 269.5p.

FAT HOGGETTS: (2453)

Lights to 207p average 197p, Standards to 221p average 200p, Mediums to 234p average 216.5p, Heavy's to 223p average 214.5p, Others to 214p average 196.5p. Overall average 207.5p.

FAT EWES: (625)

A slightly increased entry met with a similar trade to that seen recently. Ewes averaged £43 with a top price of £110 from F A Jones, Babbinswood. A mixed entry of Rams averaged £66 with a top price of £107 again from F A Jones, Babbinswood.

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (81)

Improved numbers but not the quality entry of last week nonetheless strong demand for best continentals and friesians. Continental males to £395 females to £312 and Friesians to £182.

Limousin Bulls to £395 & £334 from Messrs Bowen Glanwytyn £365 from Messrs Lloyd Jones Rhydnon Isaf £350 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawngog £330 from Messrs Davies Ty Brith. British Blue Bulls to £395 from Messrs Lewis Crumpwell £358 & £340 from Messrs Jones Bank Farm £348 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawngog £345 from Messrs Meddins Lynwood. Charolais Heifers to

£312 from Messrs Lewis Crumpwell £290 from Messrs Evans Glanwirch. Limousin Heifers to £285 & £278 from Messrs Jernan Coedmawr, £232 from Messrs Jones Moreton Farm. British Blue Heifers to £290 & £250 from Messrs Jones Bank Farm £255 from Messrs Edwards Tynwydd. Friesian Bulls to £182 £125 & £92 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg £124 £108 & £107 from Messrs Williams Lightwood Hall £120 & £110 from Messrs Jones Llyneal Hall £120 & £82 from Messrs Henshaw Little Greenhill.

Weanlings: 3mo British Blue Bulls to £428 & £402 Simmental Bulls to £412 British Blue Heifers to £318 from Messrs Heatley The Grange

STORE CATTLE: (255)

Another strong entry with a lot of younger cattle on show met with a slightly more mixed trade but still plenty of buyers looking for cattle of all shapes and sizes. Top price steers went to a pair of Charolais x steers aged 20 & 22 month sold by G D & R T R Jones, Gobowen for £1340 (£248p/kg). Top price heifers were a pair of British Blue x heifers aged 21 months sold by D R & J A Evans, Selatyn for £1090 (£195p/kg). 154 steers averaged £767 (£218p/kg) with notable prices including:

Another good entry from D G Williams, Lladrillo with Limousin x steers aged 11-13 months topping at £800 (£281p/kg) & £780 (£283p/kg).

£990 (£265p/kg) paid for 3 Charolais x steers aged 11-12 months sold by Edwards Bros, Llanrhaeadr. £735 (£253p/kg) paid for a Charolais x steer aged 12 months

sold by H E & M L Evans, Rhydycroesau. 99 heifers averaged £758 (£215p/kg) with notable prices including:

£870 (£218p/kg) & £840 (£213p/kg) paid for Charolais x heifers aged 12-14 months sold by F C & E J Rowley, Llandrinio.

£690 (£275p/kg) & £630 (£251p/kg) paid for Limousin x heifers aged 11-13 months sold by D G Williams, Lladrillo £1085 (£241p/kg) paid for 5 Limousin x heifers aged 22-23 months sold by D I & R E Lewis, Llanrhaeadr.

The next sale will be held on the 15th May with entries invited for the sale on the 29th May.

U72 & CULL COWS: (64)

An excellent entry met the same very fast trade with demand throughout the range. Top price cow 157p/kg top price heifer 172p/kg top price steer 195p/kg Stock bulls 165p/kg Cows

Limousin to 157p average 131.46p/kg

Belgian Blue to 151p average 147.87p/kg

Friesian to 147p average 117.64p/kg

Others to 134p average 131.42p/kg

Heifers

Limousin to 172p average 164.29p/kg

Steers

Limousin to 195p average 180.59p/kg

Friesian to 150p average 144.60p/kg

Belgian Blue to 170p

Stock Bulls

Charolais to 165p average 163.55p/kg

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Motoring

New Sportback from Audi is a class act with great price tag

By Ian Donaldson

Wonders will never cease. I've just been driving a new Audi that, wait for it, looks a bit of a bargain.

Not simply stylish with a wonderful interior, like nearly all Audis, but so keenly priced it makes the (slightly smaller) new VW Golf, which shares lots of its hidden oily bits with the Audi, look a little dear.

That's unlikely to dent sales of the latest Golf, just voted European Car of the Year by an enormous margin, but it might make the Audi planners wonder if they've under-priced their new baby.

Well, not so much a baby. This new five-door version of the A3 is called Sportback for some unfathomable reason and is longer than its three-door sibling. This releases useful legroom in the rear and helps the already decently sized boot accept a little more luggage. This extra space and two additional doors adds £620 over the three-door version, which sounds more than reasonable in 'Audi-land.'

Prices start at £19,825 for the car tested here and top out, for the moment, at £25,030 for an A3 Sportback with a powerful 1.8-litre petrol engine and automatic gearbox.

As ever, more versions, with more and less power can be expected, and there's Audi options' list to tempt as you configure your ideal car online during a coffee break at work.

It's a bit bigger than the old A3 Sportback, which suffered from arrested development in the rear seat legroom department, but more use of aluminium in place of pressed steel makes the newcomer usefully lighter. That ought to help fuel consumption.

Audi listened to its customers and read all the road tests of the old car and noted how often a hard ride came up in the demerits column. So you can carry over the softer suspension set-up of the SE model to the sportier looking Sport and S line, which otherwise come with lower, stiffer springing.

But hardly anyone does; overwhelmingly, buyers of the lat-



Prices range from £19,825 to £25,030 for the new A3 Sportback five-door

est three-door A3 put the hunched down look above any thoughts of extra comfort. I might think they're daft, especially with the ever-worsening state of our roads, but it's their money.

I suspect that lots of buyers will take one look at the economy potential of the diesel-powered A3 and not even consider the petrol equivalent, which uses a bit more fuel, goes a little more slowly but costs £2,300 less.

If you're not planning inter-galactic mileages in your A3 you really ought to try the car with the peppsy 1.4-litre 122 horsepower petrol engine. It's a little gem; smooth as cream

and with a near diesel-like pull from low revs (thank a turbo-charger for that) and returning 47mpg on a Cotswolds' jaunt at the car's press launch.

The standard, softer suspension gave the car all the poise you could ask for and was notably kinder on the spine than the set-up on a diesel Sport tried later. That car, over a shorter test route, actually proved thirstier (46mpg) than the petrol model.

From the way the dashboard air vents adjust to instruments so clear that you almost feel their readouts without looking, this new, larger, small Audi is a class act.



The Sportback's clearly laid out instrument panel



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Llanrhaeadr B stay in touch with leaders after good win

LLANRHAEDR B kept in touch with the early division five leaders after seeing off Cynwyd B 7-3 (152-139) at home, Cath Prior (21-9) leading the way.

Alicia Hardie, Eirlys Williams and Nora Brunt were all in seventh heaven with 21-7 wins as WHITTINGTON D leaped up to third in the table with a convincing 8-2 (144-99) victory over WESTON RHYN D, whose best response came from Ron Tudor (21-6).

Early strugglers YE OLDE CROFTE B continue to prop up the table after suffering their fifth straight defeat when succumbing 8-2 (148-109) at Chirk C with their two wins coming from Bill Roberts, who impressively went to four, and Ron Fuller (21-18).

LLANFYLLIN B are top dogs in division six after

a closely fought 6-4 victory at Llangynog B in which they took the shots by just seven (133-126) to return with the spoils.

Jim Parry and Gwyneth Thomas were two good single figure winners, seeing off their opponents to three and four respectively.

LLANRHAEDR E are hot on the heels of the leaders in second after overcoming LLANYMYNECH C 7-3, and by 10 shots (138-128).

Jack Jones took the coppers for the winners with a 21-9 success, while Joan Roberts (21-8) was the best of the replies.

Jeff Harrison led the charge with victory to four as WESTON RHYN E emerged 7-3 (148-116) home winners against bottom club Johnstown E to move third, with Tracy Owen and Ian Beckett weighing in with 21-8 victories.

Jones leading way in time trial

ROUND one of the Stuart Barkley Cycles time trial series saw 25 riders take to the start line at Oswestry's Queens Head despite the cool and blustery conditions.

There were several new faces including a good turn out of juniors several of whom were riding their first competitive event.

At the top of the leader board was Medwyn Jones, this year riding in the colours of Hafren CC, crossing the line in 23 minutes 34 seconds.

In second place exactly a minute behind on his first ride on the Queens Head-Gobowen course was Andrew Howell.

There is going to be a hard fought battle in this years Paragon's points competition with Andrew Davies laying down the gauntlet to his rivals finishing third in 24min 57secs, just ahead of team-mates

Neil Coles (25-01) and Matt Griffiths (25-19) Sixth place went to Andrew Birch of TriSmart in 26-08.

Chris Marrs of Mid Shropshire Wheelers was left regretting the error which gave him a 30 second late start penalty, as he finished in eighth place in 26-35 just one second behind Glyn Jones who has returned to ride for the Paragons.

Punctured

Dean Hornsey's time of 26-40 put him two seconds ahead of fellow Paragon Robert Rees who rounded off the top 10.

Fastest of the six juniors taking part was Kristian Patel-Smith who finished eleventh in a personal best 27-47, second junior and fastest of the Paragon riders was Adam Griffiths in 29min35.

Twelve-year-old Kieran Morris of Mid Shropshire Wheelers has only been old

enough to ride time trials for three weeks but that did not stop him clocking an impressive 29min 47.

Claire Birch of OO Tri was the only lady to ride but suffered a puncture and had to borrow a wheel to finish.

Special mention goes to Neil Perry who clocked 28-29 to finish 13th, Neil broke his collar bone in May last year riding the two up event which put him out of action for all of last year but made a successful return to competition this week

Top 10 were: 1 M Jones (Hafren CC) 23.34; 2 A Howell (U/A) 24.34; 3 A Davies (OPCC) 24.57; 4 N Coles (OPCC) 25.01; 5 M Griffiths (OPCC) 25.19; 6 A Birch (TriSmart) 26.08; 7 G Jones (OPCC) 26.34; 8 C Marrs (MSW) 26.35; 9 D Hornsey (OPCC) 26.40; 10 R Rees (OPCC) 26.42.

Oswestry Bowling League

Division one: Church A 2 (126), Johnstown A 8 (142); Corwen A 6 (147), Weston Rhyn A 4 (152); Criffins A 8 (156), Ruabon A 2 (130); Flexys A 6 (142), Chirk AAA A 4 (120); Llanymynech A 7 (141), Overton A 3 (114); Whittington A 8 (147), Ceirio Valley A 8 (127).

Division two: George A (158), Cynwyd A 2 (97); Johnstown B (151), Church B 4 (129); Llanymynech B 2 (143), Llanyfyllin A 8 (151); Llangollen B 2 (143), Black Lion A (102); Llanrhaeadr A 10 (168), Whittington B (95); Johnstown C 8 (158), Johnstown D 2 (108).

Division three: Ceirio Valley B 8 (156), Criffins C 2 (97); Criffins B 9 (160), Royston A 1 (95); Flexys B 4 (126), Whittington E 6 (139); Llangollen B 3 (133), Chirk AAA B 7 (142); Plas Kynaston A 9 (158), Church C 1 (78); Weston Rhyn C 6 (154), Overton B 4 (145).

Division four: Church D 6 (137), Ceirio Valley C 4 (139); Ellesmere A 6 (149), Ellesmere B 4 (132); Fox Lane 8 (150), Llanymynech B 2 (143); Llanyfyllin A 8 (151), Weston Rhyn B 2 (116); Llangynog B 2 (143), Corwen B 2 (130); Whittington C 7 (148), Llanrhaeadr C 3 (135).

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Criffins A	5	3	2	0	+78	31
Johnstown A	5	3	2	0	+85	30
Flexys A	5	4	1	0	+57	30
Whittington A	5	3	2	0	+25	29
Corwen A	5	3	2	0	+48	28
Chirk AAA A	5	3	2	0	+74	27
Ceirio Valley A	5	3	2	0	+13	25
Ruabon A	5	3	2	0	-16	25
Llanymynech A	5	2	3	0	-102	21
Church A	5	1	4	0	-32	20
Weston Rhyn A	5	1	4	0	-137	18
Overton A	5	1	4	0	-103	16

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ye Olde Crofte A	5	4	0	0	+119	34
Johnstown B	5	4	1	0	+112	32
Llangollen A	5	3	1	1	+92	30
Llanrhaeadr A	5	3	2	0	+66	28
George	5	3	2	0	+48	27
Johnstown C	5	3	2	0	+17	27
Church B	5	2	2	1	-26	27
Llanymynech B	5	2	2	1	+3	24
Cynwyd A	5	2	2	1	-63	23
Black Lion	5	1	4	0	-71	17
Johnstown D	5	0	5	0	-243	16
Whittington B	5	0	5	0	-153	15

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Criffins B	5	3	2	0	+106	30
Plas Kynaston A	5	3	1	1	+96	30
Chirk AAA B	5	3	1	1	+48	29
Weston Rhyn C	5	3	2	0	+21	28
Criffins C	5	3	2	0	+21	25
Ceirio Valley B	5	2	3	0	+29	24
Overton B	5	2	3	0	-47	23
Llangollen B	5	2	3	0	-41	22
Flexys B	5	2	3	0	-90	22
Whittington E	5	2	3	0	-50	21
Royston A	5	2	3	0	-58	20

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	5	5	0	0	+211	35
Fox Lane	5	5	0	0	+113	36
Llanymynech B	5	3	2	0	+92	30
Llanrhaeadr C	5	3	2	0	+80	30
Ellesmere B	5	2	3	0	+128	27
Ceirio Valley C	5	2	3	0	+26	26
Llangynog C	5	2	3	0	-46	26
Llanyfyllin A	5	2	3	0	-34	23
Corwen B	5	1	4	0	+39	20
Church D	5	2	3	0	-167	16
Weston Rhyn B	5	1	4	0	-174	17
Whittington C	5	1	4	0	-272	13

DIVISION 5	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Bersham	5	5	0	0	+191	38
Ruabon B	5	4	1	0	+151	34
Chirk AAA C	5	3	2	0	+83	33
Whittington D	5	3	1	1	+40	29
Llanrhaeadr B	5	2	1	2	-6	27
Plas Kynaston B	5	2	1	2	-9	26
Royston B	5	2	0	3	+11	22
Johnstown E	5	2	3	0	-72	22
Cynwyd B	5	2	3	0	-34	21
Overton C	5	2	3	0	-70	21
Weston Rhyn D	5	1	4	0	-130	17
Ye Olde Crofte B	5	0	5	0	-155	11

DIVISION 6	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llanyfyllin B	4	3	0	1	+54	26
Llanrhaeadr E	4	2	2	0	+28	23
Weston Rhyn E	4	2	2	0	+23	23
Llanrhaeadr D	4	3	0	1	+80	19
Llanymynech C	4	1	3	0	-44	17
Llangynog B	3	1	2	0	+1	15
Church E	3	1	2	0	-8	14
Criffins D	2	1	1	0	-2	8
Johnstown E	3	0	3	0	-64	8

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COBRA let early lead slip away



COBRA players wrestle for the ball with Llandudno players during their clash



Three COBRA players battle for the ball after a lineup in the cup final

COBRA's youngsters missed out on silverware when they lost 20-7 to Llandudno in the final of the North Wales Youth Cup at Parc Eiras, Colwyn Bay. They had led early on with a try from prop Thomas Parry, which was converted by Harry Jukes, but the powerful Seasideers rallied to deny the spirited Meifod lads.

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out of five, was a 21-9 winner, as was Sybil Metcalfe, while Doug McCoy and Mike Edwards (both 21-14) were the best from bottom.

Second placed FOX LANE stayed in hot pursuit after homing in for an 8-2 (149-132) win over LLANYMYNECH B, with the in-form Paul Lindup (top of the averages with five straight wins) and David Jones both winning to three, while Tony Jones (21-10) and Basil Kirkham (21-14) were the two responses.

It could hardly have been much closer as CHURCH D moved out of the basement places with a 6-4 home verdict against Ceirio Valley C.

Church D took the shots by just two

(137-135). Sheila Drury won to nine to take the coppers, with Pam Lewis a 21-10 winner to help Church up to third from bottom.

WESTON RHYN B lie second bottom after their 8-2 (151-116) reverse at LLANFYLLIN A who themselves pushed towards mid-table.

Basil Davies and Gwyn Gwalchmai both won 21-7 for Llanyfyllin, while Margaret White replied with an excellent 21-6 success for the visitors.

Bill Jerman's 21-8 helped WHITTINGTON C earn a hard-fought 7-3 (148-135) home win over LLANRHAEDR C whose best response came from Gwynfor Hughes (21-11).

League tables

Birmingham Cricket League

DIVISION 2	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bowl	Pts
Harborne	3	2	0	1	0	40	48
Eastnor	3	2	0	1	0	40	48
Attock	3	2	1	0	1	45	
Halesowen	3	2	1	0	3	44	
Stourbridge	3	2	1	0	3	44	
Old Elizabethians	3	1	1	0	2	33	
Covenry & NW	3	1	1	1	3	39	
Oswestry	3	1	2	0	3	28	
Stratford-upon-Avon	3	1	2	0	4	27	
Water Orion	3	1	2	0	5	23	
Whitchurch	3	0	2	1	7	19	
Fordhouses	3	0	2	1	6	15	

DIVISION 3	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bowl	Pts
Penn	3	3	0	0	0	60	
Streeley	3	3	0	0	0	60	
Tamworth	3	2	1	0	3	47	
Penkridge	3	2	1	0	4	45	
Cannock	3	2	1	0	3	44	
Walsley	3	2	1	0	2	44	
Milford Hall	3	1	2	0	6	33	
Quatt	3	1	2	0	5	32	
Kings Heath	3	1	2	0	6	31	
Aston Manor	3	1	2	0	2	24	
Worcester Nomads	3	0	3	0	4	8	
Evesham	3	0	3	0	5	5	

DIVISION 4	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bowl	Pts
Harborne	3	3	0	0	0	60	
Knowle & Dorrington	3	2	0	1	2	47	
Shrewsbury	3	2	0	1	0	45	
Walsley	3	2	1	0	2	44	
Moseley	3	1	1	1	6	34	
Himley	3	1	1	1	3	34	
Leamington Spa	3	1	2	0	6	31	
Dorridge	3	1	1	1	4	30	
Wolverhampton	3	1	2	0	2	29	
Old Hill	3	1	2	0	3	25	
Walsall	3	0	2	1	7	11	
Barnt Green	3	0	3	0	6	3	

DIVISION 1	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bowl	Pts
Brookhampton	3	3	0	0	0	60	
West Brom Drimth	3	2	0	1	0	49	
Kidderminster Vic	3	2	0	1	0	45	
Shifnal	3	2	0	1	0	45	
Attock	3	2	1	0	3	45	
Stratford-upon-Avon	3	1	1	1	3	42	
Bridgnorth	3	1	1	1	4	30	
Wombourne	3	1	2	0	3	29	
Halesowen	3	1	2	0	4	28	
Tamworth	3	0	2	1	6	13	
Smethwick	3	0	3	0	6	12	
Wellington	3	0	3	0	2	8	

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Penkridge	3	3	0	0	0	60	
Aston Manor	3	2	0	1	0	48	
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Streeley	3	1	1	1	6	45	
Stourbridge	3	1	1	1	3	47	
Whitchurch	3	0	2	1	8	17	
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Fordhouses	3	0	2	1	3	12	
Brewood	3	0	3	0	1	6	
Quatt	3	0	3	0	2	4	

DIVISION 3							
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Kenilworth Widens...	3	3	0	0	0	60	
Old Elizabethians...	3	2	1	0	4	47	
Ombersley.....	3	2	1	0	3	46	
Covenry & NW.....	3	2	1	0	2	45	
Worcester Nomad..	3	2	1	0	2	45	
Water Orion.....	3	1	1	1	3	36	
Bromsgrove.....	3	1	1	1	2	33	
Barnards Green....	3	1	2	0	7	32	
Eastnor.....	3	1	2	0	3	27	
Evesham.....	3	1	2	0	1	26	
Wings Heath.....	3	0	2	1	9	3	17
Sturgeswell.....	3	0	2	1	4	3	12

SPORT

Llanfair win 4-0 to make cup final

HIGH-flying Llanfair United will get the chance to retain the ER Jenkins Cup after beating Presteigne 4-0 at Llanidloes to move into the final for the second season running.

The scoreline looks one sided and in truth Llanfair should have scored more, but Presteigne made the Spar Mid Wales League division two champions work hard for the win throughout the 90 minutes.

Daniel Jones opened the scoring for Llanfair, rising high above everyone to head home a corner after only 12 minutes and Geraint Jones then grabbed Llanfair's second with a very neat finish two minutes before half time.

After the break, Llanfair spurned several golden chances while also finding the Presteigne goalkeeper in fine form.

However, Rhys Stephens' men finally got their third on 75 minutes when Geraint Jones' deflected shot found an empty net, before youngster Ben Jones completed the scoring late on with a very well placed finish four minutes from time.

Dominated

In the final, yet to be given a date or venue, Llanfair will play Machynlleth who defeated Abermule 2-1 in the semi-final at Carno.

Llanfair's hope of reaching a second final were dashed as they went down 3-0 to division one champions Llanidloes Town in the semi-final at Berriew.

Llani, who will now meet holders Waterloo Rovers in a repeat of last season's final, pretty much dominated the first half, testing keeper Lee Andrew a few times before Jamie Breese broke the deadlock with a very well taken finish on 33 minutes.

Top scorer Breese also grabbed Llanidloes' second goal, right on half time when he beat Andrew to the ball to slot into the gaping net.

The second period was a much more even affair with Llanfair able to break into the Llanidloes box a few times but to no avail.

As Llanfair pushed on late in the game, Llani grabbed a third to seal the tie through Greg Brown and set up a final clash with holders Waterloo Rovers at Berriew on Saturday, May 25.

Double for Foxes after final thriller

NORTH Shropshire Sunday League champions Cross Foxes completed the double after winning a dramatic league cup final 5-4 on penalties against the Oak, writes Roger Candlin.

Foxes had looked to be slipping to defeat when they went 3-2 down in extra-time before Carl Harris levelled with four minutes remaining.

And then Mike Lloyd netted the decisive spot kick to earn his side the trophy after Oak's Graeme Kirshams had hit the post.

Foxes had earlier taken the lead in the 10th minute through Mike Jones. Shaheen Miah equalised for The Oak who then went ahead just 43 seconds into the second half through sub Alec Gunn.

But Foxes equalised in the 89th minute when Lloyd headed home from Liam Lightwood's free kick to take the game into extra time.



Montgomery Town's striker Elliot Jones attempting to burst past Llanidloes Town defender Warren Sherwood

Monty title hopes hit by champions

MONTGOMERY's title hopes in the Spar Mid Wales League division one were thwarted as their 17-match winning run came to end with a 3-1 home loss to high riding Llanidloes Town.

Victory, with two goals from top scorer Jamie Breese and one from Karl Seliearts, saw long time leaders Llani lift the crown, and with it earn promotion to the Cymru Alliance.

The fact that Monty had stayed in touching distance for so long was a tribute to manager Clive McNamee and his side, but they were always playing catch up against their Llanidloes rivals.

Needing just a point to make sure of the title, the Daffs were intent on securing pole position in style with

a fully deserved victory. Llani had to wait until just before half time when making the breakthrough.

They had a spell of pressure, with a number of corners, with home keeper Steve Goodwin making good saves from headers by Colin Reynolds and Jamie Breese.

But they eventually found a way through when, following another Richie Evans corner, the ball fell to Breese 14 yards out and the striker he fired into the net.

With the defence standing firm and Monty struggling to find a way through, the Daffs gave themselves some breathing space after the break when Breese turned his marker and, although his shot was parried by Goodwin, Karl Seliearts

rifled home the rebound. With the bit between their teeth, Seliearts then turned provider squaring for Breese to tap in his second goal of the afternoon.

Monty did get a late consolation when Richie Evans turned a cross into his own net, but Llani were home and dry in their title pursuit long before then.

WATERLOO ROVERS suffered a 2-0 loss at Tywyn Brynrcrug, but still have a chance of a top six finish, while one time challengers FOUR CROSSES saw their recent demise continue with a disappointing 4-0 home defeat to Bow Street.

A hat-trick from Jordan Reed helped Aberystwyth University to a 5-0 victory at struggling Newbridge

who lost their keeper with a broken leg in the second half. Graham Dymont and skipper Dan Moore were also on target for the students.

In the day's other first division game between two sides in the top half of the table, there were plenty of goals as Aberaeron overcame Builth Wells 6-3 to finish on a high.

In division two, LLANFYLLIN went down 1-0 at Presteigne before completing their campaign on a high note with a 3-1 home verdict against Talgarth, Tim Gomm scoring a brace and Glenn Evans getting the other.

Meanwhile, the Spar League annual general meeting will be held at Llanidloes Community Centre on Thursday, June 20.

Oswestry off the mark with comfortable away victory

AN excellent team performance saw Oswestry's cricketers get off the mark for the season in the Birmingham League division two with a comfortable 46-run victory at Stratford-upon-Avon.

Mark Robinson's side, boosted by a terrific win over Shifnal in the ECB National T20 competition on Bank Holiday Monday, were always in control at Stratford in a rain-affected match.

Alex Huxley (65) and Jonathan Miles (50) led the way after Oswestry had elected to bat, putting on 104 runs for the fourth wicket in exactly an hour.

Earlier Warrick Fynn (34) and his brother Ryan (33) had got the innings off to a steady start, and with Kevin Evans hitting a brisk 20 at the end, the visitors reached 242-7 in their 50 overs. After Miles had taken an early wicket in Stratford's reply, Warrick Fynn

then ripped through the middle order, returning figures of 4-11 off nine overs of left-arm spin to end the game as a contest.

Stratford, chasing a revised total of 219 off 42 overs after stoppages for rain, were never in the hunt and finished on 172-6.

Nick Williams started with the bat and Jonathan Davies with the ball for OSWESTRY II at Morda Road - but the team still suffered a four-wicket defeat against Milford Hall.

Williams dominated the Oswestry innings with 84

CRICKET

by John Bridgwater

out of a total of 153, with no other batsman reaching 20.

Davies then took 5-25 as Milford Hall chased a revised target, but the visitors got home at 117-6.

OSWESTRY III earned 17 points from a good winning draw at Church Aston in division three.

Skipper Chris Wiseman

(37), Takudzwa Sai (37), Matthew Dyke (37) and James Wigley (27) all played major roles at Oswestry reached 190-5 in a game reduced to 30 overs a side.

Adam Lloyd then destroyed the early Church Aston batting with 5-36, and with Matthew Gale taking 2-18, the home side finished on 109-8.

OSWESTRY IV suffered their first defeat of the season in reserve division three when they went down by six wickets at Acton Reynald II.

Luke Jones top-scored with 24 as Oswestry were restricted to 130-9 in their 35 overs.

Reynald edged home at 136-4 with eight balls to spare, with Jim Phillips taking 2-21.

● Oswestry will be looking to build on their two recent wins when they take on Fordhouses at Morda Road on Saturday (12 noon). The Seconds are away to Fordhouses.

The Fourths take on Forton in a home game which has been switched to Harcourt, while the Thirds entertain Church Stretton at Morda Road on Sunday.



Oswestry's James Neill turns a ball away during the defeat by Milford Hall



Milford Hall's Chris Sedgley bowls to Oswestry's James Neill

Whittington II are looking good after 19 points haul

WHITTINGTON are looking in good shape in their Shropshire League division five campaign after taking 19 points from their trip to Reman Services III.

Batting first, the villagers were victims of some disputable umpiring decisions, and found themselves 89-3 after 20 overs.

However, Reman's bowling attack tired allowing Whittington to push the score onto 230-7 from their 40 overs with Gareth Morris top scoring with 92.

In reply, the villagers never looked likely to trouble Whittington's total, but

the opening batsmen pitched their tents set on blocking out the 40 overs.

The bowlers got little help from the artificial wicket but, with Reman 30 without loss after 12 overs, the ever reliable Brian Whitley made the all important breakthrough in his first over.

The bowlers stuck to the task well helped by the accurate flighted bowling of Brian Whitley (4-23) and Jonathan Mitchell (2-26) as Reman were reduced to 107-9.

But the final wicket proved elusive and Whittington ended up with 19 points for a winning draw.

Knockin crush Ellesmere to stay on top

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY continued their early march at the top of the Shropshire Cricket League division two with a crushing 163-run over lowly ELLESMERE at The Nursery Ground.

With four delays for rain in the first innings alone, the early pacesetters wasted no time as they declared on 228-3 in the 33rd of their allotted 35 overs, with Steve Gray hammering a fine 101 not out off 87 balls and containing 20 boundaries.

Opener Gary Darlington had set the tone with a confident 43 and Hugh Morris helped maintain the momentum with a run a ball 45 not out in an unbroken 135-run stand with Gray. Mike Lewis was the most successful of the bowlers with 2-64 in 12.5 overs.

Ellesmere were soon up against it in reply against some disciplined bowling as Matty Evans (5-13 off nine overs) and Aaron Ruffcock (3-27 off nine) ran amok, with just one player getting into double figures as they

slumped to 65 all out in 22.5 overs. FRANKTON beat the wet weather to maintain their encouraging start to life in the premier division with a two-wicket success over fellow newcomers Count.

After being asked to bat first, Count were bowled out for 144 in the 50th over with experienced opener Graham Trow holding the innings together with 52, before becoming one of four victims for Thomas Welci (4-35 off 15 overs). Count lost their last four wickets for five runs as Richard Parry Jones also picked up 3-45 from 15 overs.

Frankton made a poor start in reply, being reduced to 23-3, before being steadied by Jason Brookes (31) and Sam Todd (20). But it was skipper Jordan Parry who hit the key innings of 57 in just 30 deliveries, containing one side and 10 fours, who propelled his side to victory in the 32nd over, in a key partnership of 71 with Todd.

However, there was still time for a late wobble with four wickets falling for 11 runs,

before Richard Parry Jones hit the winning boundary. Adam Williams was the pick of the Count attack with 4-33 from his 8.4 overs.

MONTGOMERY went down by six wickets to high flying Shelton to remain fourth from bottom in division one.

Batting first, they batted solidly to 138-5 in 40 overs, with three players getting into the 20s while Charlie Clinton top scored with 31 not out, combining with Jonathan Williams (24no) in a lively unbroken 51-run stand for the fifth wicket.

Despite losing a couple of early wickets, Shelton reached their target without undue alarm in the 37th over, Kim Rose top scoring on 35 and Jamie Mintindale finishing undefeated on 27. The wickets were shared among four bowlers.

GUILDFIELD'S home clash with Trysull & Seisdon in division four was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to the heavy rain. KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II's clash

with Madeley II in the reserve division two was brought to an early halt by the weather.

Madeley were making steady progress on 115-3 off 34 overs, before the hail rain descended, with Callum Hodson (58) and Pete Sanders (25) providing useful contributions. With Knockin taking three wickets they came away with six points to the hosts' five following the abandonment.

ELLESMERE II notched a comfortable seven-wicket success against visiting Pontesbury III in division six.

Put in to bat, Pontesbury were restricted to 102-6 in their 35 overs, with two wickets apiece for Laurence Ashley, Gary Huddleston and Bradley Chapman.

Despite the loss of early wickets, Ashley's unbeaten 46 ensured Ellesmere reached their target with seven wickets and 20 overs to spare. WELSHPOOL III's clash at Whitchurch II in division six was another victim of the rain with the encounter being cancelled without any action.

Winning draw for in form Cae Glas

CAE GLAS are setting the pace in the Shropshire Cricket League division three after maintaining their encouraging start with a winning draw against Shrewsbury III at Gatacre.

Put in to bat, the Oswestry side posted 158-3 off 35 overs, opening bat Ben Hipkiss laying the foundations with an unbeaten 70 while fellow opener Mark Jones weighed in with 36 and Ruchira Nimanath 22.

In reply, they restricted Shrewsbury to 125-3 in their 35 overs, with the visitors' opener David Williams carrying his bat for an unbeaten 61 to keep the Glas at bay, with two wickets for Keith Yapp.

On a rare Sunday outing, CAE GLAS II travelled to Ludlow IV and ended their recent losing streak in the reserve division three, returning with a one-sided winning draw.

Asked to bat by their hosts, The Glas put on 67 before the loss of their first wicket as George Candler fell for 26.

However the loss of his opening partner, spurred Nick Chesters to accelerate proceedings and he then put the Ludlow attack to the sword before falling for a polished 75.

Qualifying

In the end an unfortunate run-out left the visitors handily placed at 167 all out on the penultimate ball of their 40 overs.

Ludlow then came to the crease but were soon in trouble as Shaun Southern (5-28) found his form.

In the end, the home side held out at 95 for the loss of eight wickets by the close, leaving Cae Glas with 16 points and Ludlow five points. Meanwhile, Cae Glas secured a three run win over Beacon as their Marston's 20/20 qualifying round tie went to the wire at Frankwell.

In a game reduced to 15 overs a side due to the weather, The Glas made first use of the wicket after winning the toss to post 96-7.

Opener Andy Griffiths hit 24 from 31 balls at the top of the order, with Kyle Marsh making 21 off 17 balls in the middle to help the innings along. Lee Pickford removed three batsmen for 14 runs in his three overs.

Cae Glas were soon among the wickets to put their Shrewsbury hosts on the back foot, before Alan Yapp launched a revival with 40 not out in 30 deliveries.

However, the run chase fell just three runs short, with Tim Turner taking three wickets, including danger man Doug Reynolds, while Gareth Edgerton picked up one wicket and a catch.

SPORT

Morda's title hopes suffer as they are held by Juniors



Dan Wood who played two games in one afternoon

MORDA United saw their title hopes in the Merion Regional League premier division fade – but not extinguished – when they were held to a 2-2 draw at home to fourth placed Telford Juniors.

Injuries and unavailability forced manager Craig Rogers to reshuffle his side and again include reserve team goalkeeper Dan Wood who was playing his second game of the afternoon after turning out for the reserve side just two hours earlier.

The Telford opponents approached the game in determined fashion and enjoyed the bulk of the early possession, but Morda began to settle and Kevin McGarvey went close after robbing a defender before Gary Meredith shot narrowly wide from the edge of the box.

Meredith and Marc Griffiths were the victims of some robust challenges which included a stamp on Griffiths which went unpunished, before the visitors took the lead on the half hour when the unmarked Tom White tapped in following a cross from the left.

Undaunted, Morda nearly equalised before the break when the stretching Meredith fired narrowly wide after good work by Gareth Lewis.

Foiled

Immediately after the break, Lewis was unlucky to see his effort scrambled to safety off the feet of keeper Kris Jones, before they home side's hopes of getting back into the game were hit when a cross from the right found its

way into the net off Tom Coulson. Faced with a two goal deficit, Morda hit back instantly with Griffiths finding the net with an accurate lob from 25 yards.

McGarvey then pushed further forward and began to create chances only to be foiled in front of goal, one effort hitting the post.

Off the ball incidents saw two Telford defenders appear lucky to remain on the pitch as Morda kept up the pressure and the equaliser eventually came when defender Mike Lloyd fired home from an accurate Shin Miah free kick.

With league leaders AFC Ludlow not playing on Saturday, Morda currently lie second, just one point behind, though equal on points with third placed Church Stretton Town.

Leaders Ludlow remain title favourites with three games to play, the first of which was at Morda last night (Wednesday).

A win for Morda would take them to the top of the table, but they would then need Ludlow to lose their other two games if they are to secure the title.

Uninjured

Lowly MORDA RES ended a difficult season in division one on a high with a 2-1 win over fellow strugglers Shawbury United reserves.

Keeper Wood, playing his first of two games that afternoon, kept a clean sheet for the first half as Morda played some good football and went in a goal up from Ryan Page following a corner on the left.

Within five minutes of the break the same player doubled the score to put Morda in sight of a rare victory to ease their basement concerns.

A goal conceded late in the half left Morda supporters on edge until the final whistle, but the home defence held firm to see them secure the three points and, much to the relief of boss Craig Rogers, Wood stay uninjured and ready to appear for the first team just one hour later.

OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB crashed 5-1 at home to Wroxeter in division one, while there was more disappointment for OSWESTRY LIONS – who are set to name themselves Oswestry Town next season – as they went down 3-0 at home to Bishop's Castle last week.

Guils out of top six after loss at home

GUILDSFIELD missed out on a top six finish as they succumbed 2-1 at home to Flint Town United in their last action of a fluctuating Cymru Alliance campaign.

Victory would have taken Russell Cadwallader's side above their opponents and also Holyhead, but it proved very much an end of season affair with the two sides having their eyes on this week's area cup competition.

However, Guilsfield got their noses in front at the interval through a 37th minute strike from Will Thomas, the front runner nipping in to score after a long kick upfield from keeper Dave Littleford had caught the visitors nipping.

But they faded after the interval as Flint hit back with Shaun Beck levelling five minutes into the second half when latching onto a diagonal pass before firing his angled shot into the net via the post.

Resolve

Aaron Edwards fired what proved the winner with a good finish on 58 minutes leaving the Guils having to settle for eighth place in the table.

But they still have a chance of finishing the campaign with some silverware as they took on in-form Tywyn Bryncreg in the semi-final of the Central Wales Cup at Aberaeron last night (wed).

Should they win, they meet Aberaeron in the final.

A few days before, the Guils managed to salvage a 2-2 draw at Ruthin Town.

Ruthin took the lead through Ian Hughes on the hour and when Jack Williams added a second 10 minutes later, prospects did not look good for the Guils.

However, the visitors got a share of the spoils with defender James Henderson pulling one back on 76 minutes and Will Thomas levelling on 81.

New Saints youngsters lift cup after shootout drama

THE New Saints youngsters edged out Flint Town United in a dramatic penalty shootout to lift the North East Wales Challenge Cup following a rainswept final at Brymbo.

Trailing 2-0, the Saints hit back with goals from Taylor James and Rhys Cooper to level 2-2 and take the tie into the penalty decider which the Oswestry side shaded 8-7 in a nervy finish.

TNS had struggled to find a way through in the rain drenched conditions in Brymbo with clear-cut chances at a premium in the first period.

After the break, Flint came out of the blocks the faster and took the lead after capitalising on a misplaced pass, before the Flintshire side doubled their lead moments later after the TNS defence had failed to clear a long free kick.

However, this stung the Saints into action and they reduced the arrears emphatically with James racing through on goal after some fine play down the right hand side before confidently finishing.

Five minutes later, the scores were level as Cooper reacted quickest to a loose ball after Naim Arsan struck a ferocious shot which could only be parried by the Flint goalkeeper.

Now full of confidence, TNS continued to push forward but were unable to find the elusive winning goal as the final headed for a tense penalty shootout.

FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

The penalties were confidently taken from both sets of teams before TNS keeper Josh Roberts superbly saved, leaving Aaron Simms with the chance to win it for his team.

Simms, who has featured for the first team this season, stepped up confidently and slotted the ball in to secure the cup for Steve

Evans' TNS young side. The New Saints line up was Joshua Roberts, Aaron Simms, Adam Davies, Ollie Beaman, Alan Jones, Ryan Kershaw, Rhys Cooper, Dan Weir, Taylor James, Jack Welsh and Naim Arsan.

● FORMER TNS midfielder Nicky Ward is one of four players to leave Welsh Premier club Newtown in end-of-season changes at Latham Park.

Gareth Partridge, Adam Worton and Craig Whitfield, another former Saints player, have all been released while club captain and coach Ward has quit after the club was unable to offer the 35-year-old acceptable terms.

"The club were unable to offer Nicky the same full contract he had with us last season and he decided not to accept this and felt that it was time to move on," said Newtown manager Bernard McNally.

Ward, who has featured for Wrexham, Shrewsbury Town, TNS and Bangor City in the past, was in his third spell with Newtown.

Striker Whitfield is a former TNS scholar who has grabbed 18 Welsh Premier goals for TNS, Cefn Druids, Airbus and the Robins.



The TNS team that won the Challenge Cup after a dramatic penalty shootout

Weston Rhyn win but still end in bottom two

WESTON RHYN ended a tough campaign in the Merion Regional League premier division with a 2-1 victory at Oakengates – but they will finish in the bottom two despite the result.

A second half double from Nick Pearce at least gave Rhyn a boost at the end of a tough campaign with their first points on their travels, and they must now wait to see how many, if any, teams are relegated.

A few days earlier, their basement fate was sealed after suffering a 5-1 beating at Telford Juniors in their penultimate game of the season.

But they bounced back with a spirited victory at Telford club Oakengates, with little between the sides for most part.

Rhyn had some early chances with Ryan Leightwood hitting the post, while also blazing another effort over the bar.

After a goalless first half, they went ahead after the break when good work on the left ended with Pearce running through before slotting his shot past the keeper.

Oakengates were back on terms when heading home a free kick, but Weston Rhyn were not to be denied a victory in their last outing as they capitalised on a defensive mix-up.

Pearce put pressure on the home defence, with the keeper getting in a tangle with his full back as he attempted to clear a back pass, and Pearce was left with the task of slotting the ball into the net.

St Martins end with a heavy loss

HAVING boosted their hopes of staying clear of the basement places with an eight goal romp against Wolverhampton United, ST MARTINS were brought down to earth with a 6-1 loss at Trysull in their last game of a difficult West Midlands League division one campaign.

Wayne Withers did fire an equaliser for the Saints, but they found themselves 5-1 down at half time in a typical end of season affair.

It was a different story as they thrashed Wolverhampton 8-1 at the Venue a few days before, with Karl Bailey scoring four of the goals. Lying fourth from bottom, they should be safe, although sides below them still have games to play.

Meanwhile, Ryan Butcher is set to take over as St Martins manager for next season, replacing the management duo of Tim Allen and Paul Huggins.

Oswestry boys land cup glory

OSWESTRY Boys under-13s capped a spectacular season by claiming the league cup to go with their Shropshire A league title with a 2-1 victory over Shrewsbury Junior Colts in the final.

Shrewsbury started brightly and Oswestry keeper James Youens had to react quickly to tip an early chance on to the bar.

But a tactical change at half time paid dividends as 10 minutes into the second half Oswestry forced a corner which was eventually headed home by Harry Pritchard, his first goal of the campaign and just reward for a superb season.

Will Baker made it 2-0 after 55 minutes, his 14th goal this term.

Youens made another good save when tipping a long range effort on to the post, before Shrewsbury bagged a late consolation.

Morgan quits as boss of Aberystwyth Town

TOMI Morgan, the former Welshpool Town boss, has resigned as manager of Welsh Premier League Aberystwyth Town.

The ex-Llyfhyddau said pressure of working commitments had forced him out of the game. Morgan returned to Park Avenue as manager for the second time in February 2012 after the departure of Alan Morgan.

A prolific striker in the League of Wales, Morgan played for Telford United before becoming player manager of Aberystwyth in the first season of the domestic league, scoring 21 league goals in 42 appearances.

He won a Welsh Cup medal with Llansantffraid in the famous penalty shoot-out victory over Barry Town at Cardiff Arms Park, scoring the first goal and netting the second penalty after the game had ended 3-3 after extra-time.

He also added another 44 goals in 85 league appearances between 1994 and 1997.



Ryan Valentine

Valentine joins Academy coaching team

FORMER Wrexham ace Ryan Valentine has joined the Llansantffraid Academy coaching team which is preparing for squad trials at the end of the month.

Local lad Valentine, now 30, began his career with Everton and left, at 19, for Darlington where he spent four years before joining Wrexham.

He returned to Darlington for a further 18 months before joining Hereford for two years, and is currently with AFC Telford. While at Wrexham he appeared in a couple of Wales squads.

"We are confident Ryan will add much to our coaching team at Llansantffraid and will assist us greatly in the development of young local players in our Academy," said Academy director Mike Digwood.

"We will also be announcing further important additions to our coaching staff in the near

future." Meanwhile, following their successful season as a Welsh Academy, Llansantffraid Village FC start their trials and squad selection for youngsters at the end of the month.

The trials, which incorporate players from under-eight to under-16, get underway on Tuesday May 28, and run up to June 15.

Digwood added: "We will continue to bring together the best young players in Mid Wales and Shropshire and provide them with a top quality coaching, games and education programme.

"Within our academy, we will provide a number of fixtures against professional league clubs and other academy teams in our leagues and overseas opposition.

"The aim of the Llansantffraid Village Academy is to give young players in the area the best possible opportunities to aspire to the highest level of their ability that it is possible for them to achieve."

The Academy will provide regular training sessions for youngsters, and give specialist advice on fitness and nutrition, and organisers believe they can offer players the opportunity to develop their skills both on and off the field while, most important of all, enjoying themselves in a relaxed and non-pressurised environment.

Application forms and dates of trials in May and June can be downloaded from the club's website: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/llansantffraidvillageyouth/>

For any more information, please contact Digwood on 01691 6486553 or 07969-795529. Trial forms will also be available on the day.

The first trials will take place at Treflan, Llansantffraid, on May 28, while trials two and three will be at Oswestry School. Players will need to bring boots, shin pads, sun cream and drinks. Each trial will cost £3 per player who will be notified if successful or not by June 30.

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Welshpool hoping to get back on track

AFTER their weather woes, WELSHPOOL look to get back on the pitch on Saturday when they visit strugglers Pontesbury in the Shropshire Cricket League division one.

The Maesydre side had made an encouraging start to the season, but rain put a dampener on their endeavours as their home clash with fancied Much Wenlock last week was abandoned without a ball being bowled. The sides had to settle for five points each.

It was a frustrating outcome for Pool who have lost ground on the leaders, now lying fifth in the table, and 30 points adrift of early pacemakers Shelton.

So they will be keen for the clouds to stay away on Saturday when they head to a Pontesbury side rooted to the foot of the table.

"It's one we're targeting to get a decent result from, said vice captain Joe Birch.

Stumps

"Considering the start we had in losing to Shelton in our first game, we're really pleased with the way we've bounced back and the performances we have put in. "So it was disappointing not to play last week."

Pool are forced to make a couple of changes this Saturday, one of which is behind the stumps as keeper Paul Chapman is unavailable.

Rain also put a dampener on WELSHPOOL II's hopes of a much needed win at Wellington IV last week as they battle to climb off the bottom of the reserve division one – but at least they got some play.

Pool racked a more than useful 201-9 in 50 overs, thanks largely to a fine century from opener Nick Davies who was caught on 103. Wellington were unable to get their reply underway following the return of the rain, with the match abandoned as a draw.

Olympians gearing up for Trefonen Hill Run

OSWESTRY Olympians will be staging their popular Trefonen Hill Run on Bank Holiday Monday, May 27.

The event starts from Trefonen Village Hall at 11am, with entry on the day £6. There are medals for all finishers, with the race an excellent introduction to off road racing.

It is part of the Trefonen Hill walk week (24-27 May) where money is being raised for Macmillan Cancer Support and Bulembu School, Swaziland.

Entry forms and further details can be found at www.oswestryolympians.com.

Meanwhile, the club's Park Hall 5km race takes place on Wednesday, June 12 at Oswestry Rugby Club at Park Hall (7.30pm start).

Entries on the night are only £5 for club runners and £7 for unattached. Medal to all finishers.

Rangers lift youth cup Drivers ready for rally

ELLESMERE Rangers under-18s lifted the Umbro Shropshire FA Youth Cup with an emphatic 6-0 victory over Shifnal at Shrewsbury Town's Greenhous Meadow.

They took the lead when Aaron Evans rounded the keeper on the stroke of half-time.

Rangers upped a gear after the interval with Jay Stoker getting the second on 56 minutes after smashing in a loose ball from a corner.

Aaron Evans then got his second and the third goal of the game on the hour after a flowing move ended with him glancing in a Tom Barker centre. Josh Randall



Ellesmere Rangers under-18s with the FA Youth Cup

got the fourth with a deflected strike from the edge of the box in the 69th minute before Josh Brown (73) and Tom Barker (80) sealed a comprehensive win.

THE Pirelli MSA Welsh Forest Rally Championship resumes this weekend with the Plains Rally.

The Welshpool-based event should have been the fourth round of the series but the cancellation of Rally North Wales last month due to exceptionally bad weather means this is only the competitors' third event – and their first outing in the championship since the Rally Marketing Midlands stages in early March.

The teams will be tackling some of the most iconic and challenging rally stages that Wales can offer, using roads that have tested the world's leading rally drivers over the years on Wales Rally GB.

There will be plenty of chances for spectators to catch the action through the day on the forest stage of Gartheiniog near Aberangell, or two famous spectator venues, Sweet Lamb on the A44 near Pant Mawr

and the Wood Yard Stage on the A490 around four miles north of Welshpool.

Top seeding goes to the Ford Focus of Scottish pairing Euan Thorburn and Paul Beaton, ahead of the Subaru Impreza of Connor McCluskey and Francis Regan.

The Irish duo currently lie sixth in the Welsh Championship after taking victory on the opening round, the Wydean Rally.

Challenge

Current championship leader Luke Francis, from Rhuddlan and co-driver John H Roberts of Colwyn Bay will start as car number 14 in their Mitsubishi Evo 9.

They can expect a strong challenge from the similar car of reigning champion, Llandudno's Matt Edwards and Will Rogers, starting at number six. More information is available on the event's website, www.plainsrally.co.uk.

Lilywhites plans hit as forward to leave club

WELSHPOOL Town's plans for next season's Spar Mid Wales League campaign have suffered a setback as they will be without the services of Mike Cockram.

The 30-year-old forward has been a regular at Maesydre for the past two seasons, signing from Montgomery in September 2011, but will be leaving the club as he is moving to London.

He has also played for Guilsfield.

Last term, he played 18 games for the Lilywhites and another five as substitute, in which he scored four times, and was a key figure for the club.

"It's a real shame as he was one of the first players to join when he came from Montgomery not long after I started," said manager Dave Jones.

Meanwhile, evergreen midfielder David Williams was named Welshpool Town's player of the season – and goalkeeper Calum Hennegan was the manager's player of the year.

Top goalscorer was Tom Reynolds. Boss Jones feels he has the makings of a strong squad, but admits he needs to bolster his strike power after missed chances proving costly last term.

Welshpool hold their annual meeting at the Angel on Wednesday, May 22 (7.30pm).

Ifton out to bounce back

IFTON will be out to bounce back from their Bylet battering when they entertain Wrockwardine Wood in their latest action in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League tomorrow night.

While their form at home has been solid, the St Martins side have struggled on their travels and suffered their second heavy defeat when slumping 13-1 at Bylet last week, in which they lost the aggregate 248-188.

Captain Dicky Jones is looking for a positive response after seeing his side slip to fourth from bottom in a congested table.

"Bylet are stronger this season, but they should still not be beating us 13-1," he said.

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SKIPPER WARNING OVER STRUGGLERS

OSWESTRY'S cricketers are up and running in the Birmingham League division two – but will be wary of the pitfalls when they tackle early strugglers Fordhouses at Morda Road on Saturday (12noon).

A 70-run victory at Stratford, which followed a terrific win over Shifnal in the ECB National T20 earlier in the week, has put the border side in good spirits as they look to make up further ground after suffering two early setbacks.

by John Bridgewater

Birmingham Cricket League

DIVISION 2						
	P	W	L	A	B	Pts
Harborne	3	2	0	1	4	49
Eastnor	3	2	0	1	3	48
Attock	3	2	1	0	4	45
Halesowen	3	2	1	0	3	44
Stourbridge	3	2	1	0	3	43
Old Elizabethans	3	1	1	1	0	33
Coventry & NW	3	1	1	1	1	29
Oswestry	3	1	2	0	3	28
Stratford-up-Avon	3	1	2	0	4	27
Water Orion	3	1	2	0	1	23
Whitchurch	3	0	2	1	7	19
Fordhouses	3	0	2	1	6	15

have lost all four," said Robinson.

"But it's a game we need to win as we don't want to get left behind, so another win would put us right up there.

"We were disappointed with the start to the season we had, but the win over Shifnal boosted our confidence, and we took it forward into the Stratford game.

"We're a force against most teams if we get it right, and if we play like that every week, then we won't be far away from where we want to be." Alex Huxley (65) and Jonathan Miles (50) led the way as Oswestry posted 242-7 in their 50 overs after electing to bat last week. The duo put on 104 for the fourth wicket in exactly an

hour in a day blighted by interruptions due to rain.

Earlier, Warrick Fynn (34) and his brother Ryan (33) had got the innings off to a steady start.

When Stratford came out to bat, left arm spinner Warrick Fynn ripped through the middle order, returning figures of 4-11 off nine overs.

"We batted very well and were confident of getting a good total," added Robinson.

"Warrick Fynn and Ryan Fynn laid the foundations, while the partnership between Alex Huxley and Jonathan Miles really picked up the tempo.

"We then bowled really well, with a devastating spell from Warrick who bowled as well as I have seen him bowl for the club."

Saturday is another straight 50-over clash, in fact the first five matches are the same format, and the Morda Road men will be keen to improve on their current position of fifth from bottom in the table.

"I can't see teams winning all five games, or even four, so we need to win on Saturday and the following week (at Attock) to get us up there," added Robinson.

COBRA on the silverware trail



COBRA prop Thomas Parry scores his team's only try against Llandudno

COBRA's rugby players look to put the seal on a successful Swalec League campaign by lifting some silverware in their final outing on Saturday.

Having clinched promotion from division two (north) after finishing runners-up, the Melfod men now have their sights on the North Wales Plate when they take on Bala in the final at Colwyn Bay RFC.

It will be a tough ask for COBRA against a higher graded side who themselves play in the first division in which they finished fourth last term.

The final will also give the Llanfair Caereinion high fliers a taste of what to expect when they step up to division one in September. The club's youth team were also up in Colwyn Bay last weekend, when they lost 20-7 to Llandudno in the final of the North Wales

Youth Cup at Parc Eiras. They had led early on with a try from prop Thomas Parry, which was converted by Harry Jukes, but the Seaside's rallied.

COBRA, meanwhile, held their end of season presentation night at Oswestry's Wynnstay Hotel, which saw the club's achievements during the season recognised.

Coach's player of the year was scrum half Alwyn Williams, while other awards went to back row forward Lloyd Bright (most improved player), second row Rhodri Evans (players' player), Jack Jukes (first team young player) and Lyn Owen (clubman of the year).

WELSHPOOL's home clash with strugglers Holyhead in division three (north) was called off as their visitors were unable to raise a side.

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